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## GRAND RE-OPENING



SNIPPETS OF red ribbon fluttered to the pavement to mark the grand re-opening of Broad Street.

Photos by Laura Halleman

## Red Ribbon Day

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

"I was doing handstands and back flips on the way down here," said Sewickley Chamber of Commerce president and Open Mind Book-store owner Phil Harris. "I think everyone is breathing a huge sigh of relief."

In fact, a collective sigh was almost audible amid the festive atmosphere Monday morning as business owners, borough officials and residents lined the span of the newly renovated Broad Street to cut the customary red ribbon, signifying the reopening of the main thoroughfare into Sewickley.

Broad Street has been closed to traffic since mid-May, when construction began to resurface the roadway, install a new center island, eight new catch basins and new traffic lights and light poles, as well as construct new sidewalks.

The road project was not without its setbacks, however. The Aug. 30 expected date of completion was pushed back to October.

As of Monday, though, frustrated motorists who have had to endure detours and business owners along Broad and Beaver Street who have suffered a decrease in business since the road project began, can now resume a sense of normalcy.

"It kind of makes it all the more poignant today after seeing how the road project did hurt the business community but we are hoping for a nice Christmas season," said Harris.

Chuck Rompala, assistant manager of road operations for the Port Authority credited borough manager Kevin Flannery for what he considered a "model project."

"With any construction project you expect delays and inconveniences, but I



have to say this one has been excellent. Mr. Flannery kept us up to date on everything with the project and let us know that we would have some trouble navigating some of the historical streets, but I have to say, all in all, it went smoothly," said Rompala.

New traffic signals will be in place at the end of the month, said Flannery, but Broad Street is now open to all traffic.



## SEWICKLEY

## Grants sought, holiday planned

Sewickley Borough Council submitted a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for \$214,000 for Sewickley Valley Rivers Conservation and Management Plan.

■ Council voted in favor of submitting two grant applications for the Walnut Landing and Chestnut Street boat launch projects.

The first is in the amount of \$150,000 to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

The second is \$200,000 to Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

■ A Halloween parade, sponsored by Quaker Valley Rotary, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. The parade will begin in front of the municipal building.

It will proceed down Thorn Street, to Walnut, to Beaver and Chestnut. The parade will then return to the municipal building for treats provided by the rotary.

Kids of all ages are welcome.

■ Trick or treating in Sewickley will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31.

## Highway miles named for Judge James Russo

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

Family, friends and dignitaries convened last week at Quaker Village Shopping Center to take part in the dedication of the James E. Russo Highway, a stretch of Route 65 in Leesdale where the late Judge Russo held office for 19 years as a district justice for Allegheny County.

The judge died in 2004.

The naming of the roadway passed approval of both the House and the Senate and the highway markers bearing Judge Russo's name will be erected along Route 65 by PennDOT.

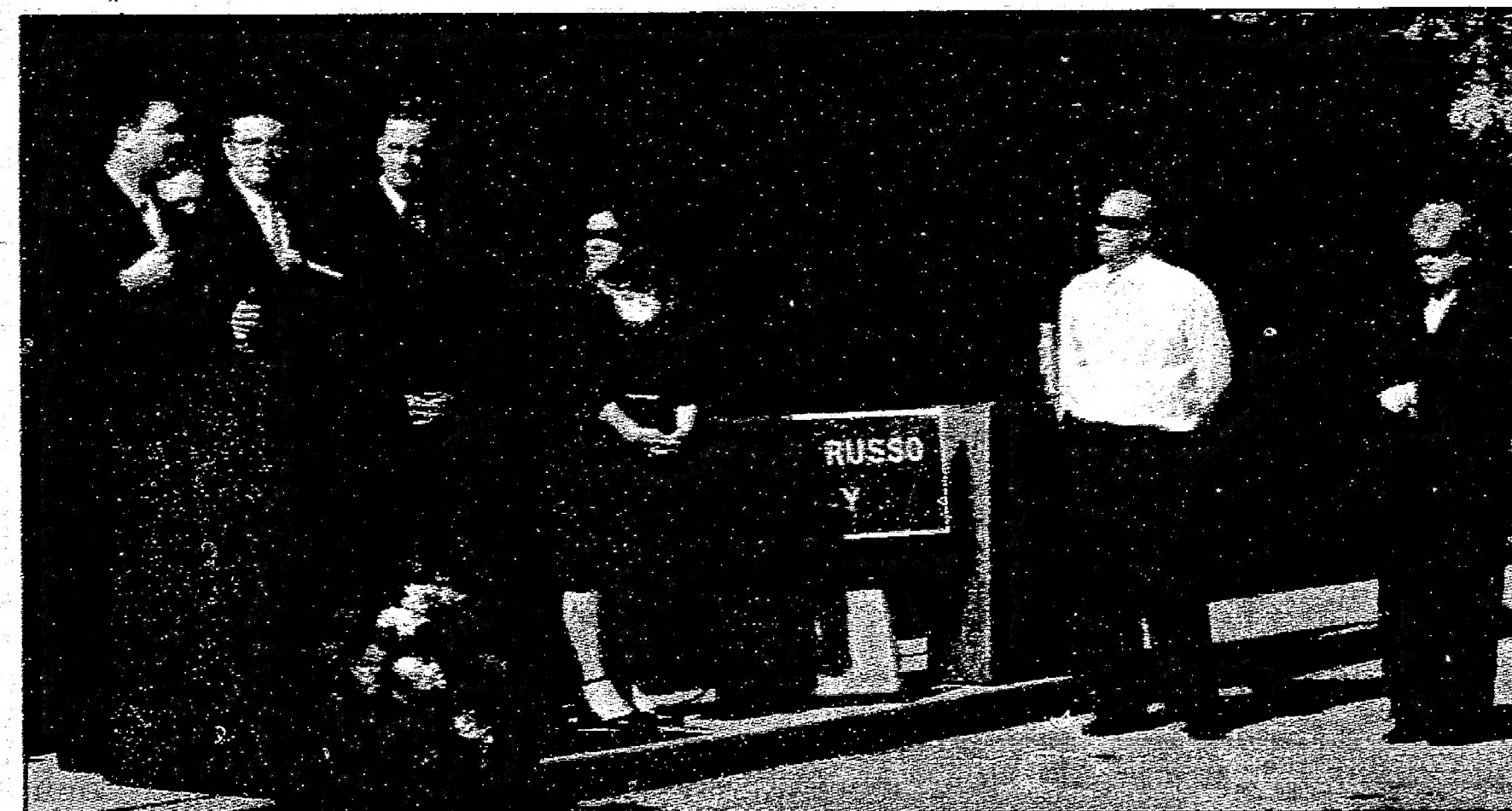
"When you drive past this highway sign, you will either have a big smile on your face or you will slow down," said Russo's widow, Carol Russo, drawing laughter and applause from the crowd of well wishers.

Judge Russo's daughter, Kelli, also took to the podium to share a side of Judge Russo that many might not have known.

"Everybody knows him as Jimmy or as Judge...I know him as dad."

She went on to say that, growing up, she asked a lot of questions.

"He would patiently answer



TAKING PART in the dedication ceremony were (from left) Sen. John Pippy, Rep. Mark Mustio, Dan Cessna from PennDOT, Rep. Sean Ramaley, Kelli Russo, second cousin William Paul and widow Carol Russo.

all of them and take extra time explaining it all to me.... He always said he would help the honest and his strong, moral character helped me become who I am today."

A 1975 graduate of Shippensburg State College, Judge Russo was elected district justice in 1975, presiding over 11 municipalities in Allegheny

County. In 1993, he was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to serve as the first District Justice in the state to serve on the Judicial Conduct Board.

In 1998, he was appointed a member of the Pa. Court of Judicial Discipline. In 2001, he was elected President Judge of the Court.

Other accolades for Judge Russo include being the first to be named "Man of the Year" in 1976 by the Sewickley Herald.

He was listed in "Who's Who in Law Enforcement" by the

American Federation of Police.

He also was known for the love and support he gave to his community, family and many friends.

Carol Russo thanked Sen. John Pippy and Rep. Mark Mustio for their efforts in getting the highway designated in her husband's name.

"They made it happen and did it in such a short period of time," she said.

"In a way it's a closure. What more could we ever ask for than for this highway to be named after him."

## SPOTLIGHT

## Elmer shares giving spirit with Village visitors

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

I first met Elmer on a trip to the laundromat located next to Yankello's on Beaver Street in Sewickley.

Having procrastinated as long as possible, I loaded up the trunk of my car with several loads of laundry for what I assumed would be another unpleasant trek to a run-of-the-mill laundromat.

The thought of spending two hours of a sun-drenched Saturday afternoon in a bleak building, watching my clothes spin through the cycles and counting down the minutes until the dryer buzzer sounded, was akin to having a root canal.

After pulling my car into the parking lot, I had barely opened my trunk to unload my laundry before a gentleman came from the building and reached in and grabbed my oversized bags of clothes and carted them inside.

A bit bewildered by this generosity, I quickly walked inside to find the man with a huge grin on his face.

"I can help you put the quarters in the machines and can show you which dryers work," he told me.

"Did you bring your own soap or do you need me to get you some?"

Extending his hand to me he said his name was Elmer.

"I help here and go to the YMCA. What's your name?"

As I introduced myself, I realized this wasn't going to be an ordinary trip to the laundromat; and Elmer was not any ordinary person.

With his assistance, my laundry was soon well on its way to clean, and rather than spend my time watching the second hand of the clock, I instead spent it chatting with Elmer.

A Sewickley resident for nearly 15 years, Elmer, 49, has a series of odd jobs in the community. When he is not busy doing laundry for area residents and delivering it to their homes, he can be found cutting grass or shoveling snow throughout the borough.

An element of his life that he is most proud of and eager to discuss is his time spent at the Sewickley YMCA, where he

can be found twice a day, six days a week, working out with his favorite trainers, Madonna Lucey, Susan Podvorenec, Shannon Spicker and Rosie Wise. Elmer has been going to the Y for close to 12 years now.

"He knows just about everything down here," says Lucey.

"His attitude about life is so positive. He keeps everything so simple and really teaches me a lot through his innocence. He always tells me 'Don't sweat the small stuff.'"

As we talk, Elmer tells me of the three trophies and two medals he has received from the Y. They sit atop a shelf in his apartment.

After his physician, Dr. Richard Hogan, advised him to lose weight in order to lower his blood pressure, Elmer took those words to heart.

"He told me I should try and lose weight and I listen to him. I was over 200 pounds, but now I have lost 40 pounds," he says, showing off the gap in his waistline like a scene from a weight loss commercial.

His mother and father are deceased; he is the youngest of four siblings.

I share with him that I am also the youngest of five siblings and he laughs and tells me he likes to be the youngest.

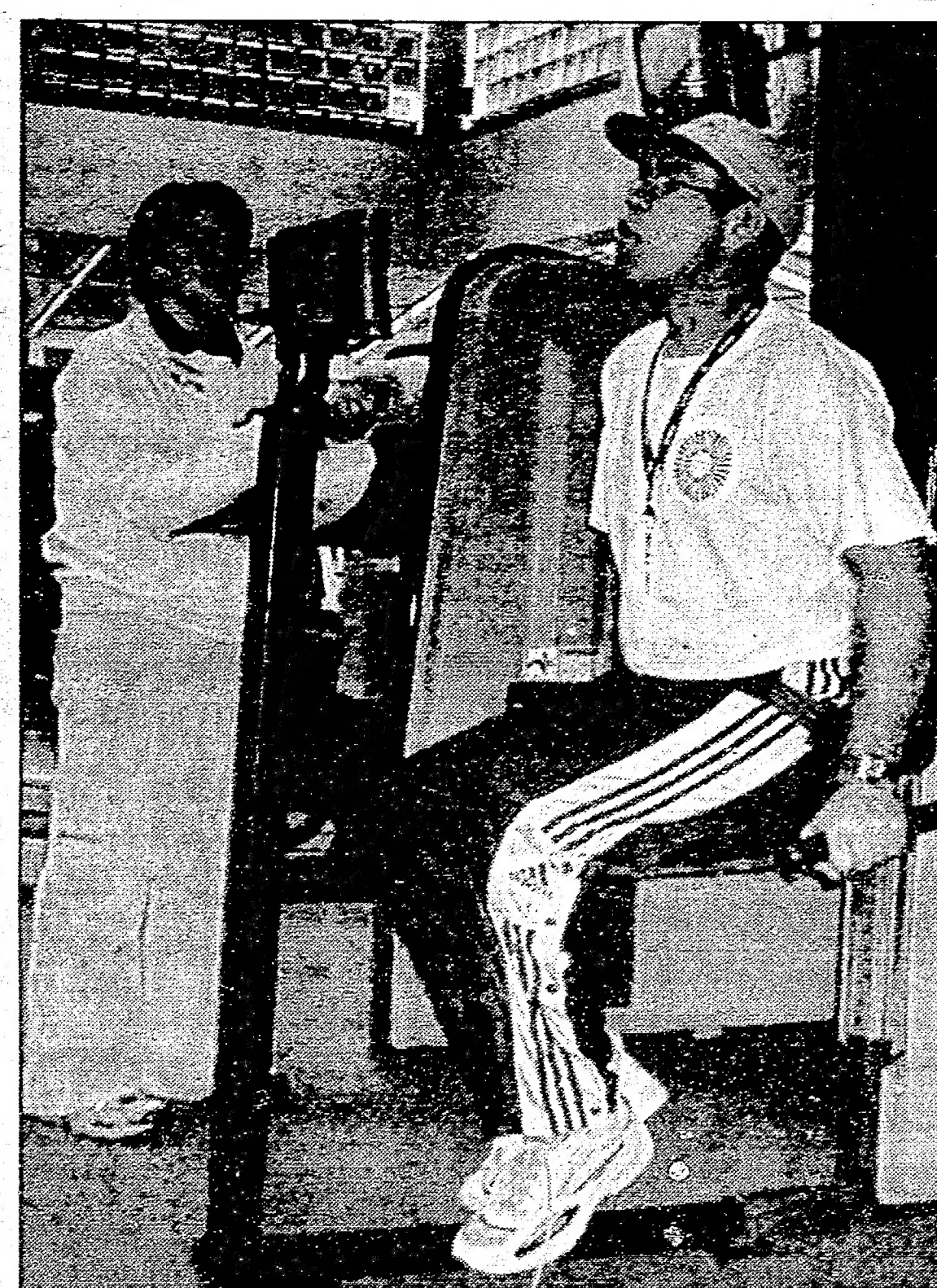
While we talk, a few Sewickleyans stop in to say hello to him and ask how he is doing. Elmer greets each and every one with the same huge grin I was met with. His smile is infectious; his unpretentiousness refreshing.

Before I know it, the two hours of laundry misery I had dreaded had flown by. With Elmer's help, I had not only completed the task at hand, but also actually enjoyed myself in the process.

I said goodbye to him but promised I would return the next week.

With laundry in tow, I did just that. And there was Elmer to greet me and help with a chore that I had once detested, but now found bearable — thanks to him.

Elmer is a fixture in the Sewickley community. He often can be seen walking or riding his bicycle throughout town, wearing his customary baseball hat and headphones that



ELMER TAKES his workouts at Sewickley Valley YMCA seriously. He maintains an exercise schedule six days a week.

play his favorite tunes.

He disposes of this attire, however, on Sunday mornings when he dons a blue suit to attend Mass at St. James Catholic Church.

His usual stops include Safran's, Starbucks for tea or hot chocolate, and the Sewickley Public Library.

Elmer spends much of his time helping out at Yankello's, as well.

A few weeks ago, I loaded up my laundry and went back to the laundromat. As I walked in, I found the washers and dryers had been removed to make way for a business expansion next door.

Normally, I would have been bothered by the inconvenience of traveling farther away from home to do laundry.

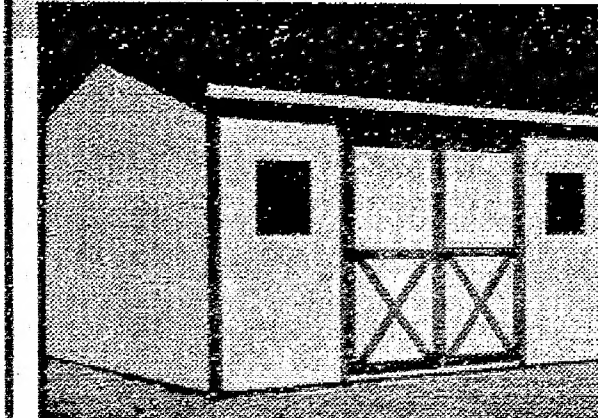
Instead, I was saddened by the fact that I would not be able to spend time chatting with Elmer as I had become accustomed to doing.

I consider myself lucky to have met him and occasionally run into him in town. We stop and chat and exchange updates about our week.

Elmer is a testament to the old adage: "Never judge a book by its cover."

At first glance, it is apparent he is a mentally challenged man. But if given the chance, he will show you how truly extraordinary he is.

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## HERE &amp; THERE

## Mustio-sponsored bill moves to Senate

Legislation sponsored by Rep. Mark Mustio (R) to protect Allegheny County property owners from being hit with extreme tax hikes following countywide reassessment unanimously passed the state house on Sept. 27.

If enacted, House Bill 1743 would institute a two-step process to establish and maintain the real rate of property taxation following a countrywide assessment.

Currently, the Second Class Code allows municipalities and school districts to increase the total amount of property tax

revenue collected by as much as 105 percent from the previous year after a countywide assessment.

Mustio's legislation would require municipalities and school districts to establish revenue-neutral millage rates in the tax year immediately following the reassessment.

After this revenue-neutral millage rate is established, elected officials would still have the authority to take a second vote to increase or decrease taxes, but the increase could be no more than five percent.

Any municipality or school district that violates these limitations would have to refund with interest any excess taxes collected from property owners.

House Bill 1743 now moves on to the Senate for consideration.

## Art scene

A digital painting of a Gospel singer, entitled "Lift in Song," by Rochester, Pa., artist Elizabeth Asche Douglas has been awarded a \$1,000 cash award in the 2005 Appalachian Corridors exhibition at the Avampato Discovery Museum in Charleston, W. Va.

Douglas is well known in Sewickley for her artistic connections in art and song with Sweetwater Center for the Arts and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

The juror of selection and awards was Faith Ringgold, an internationally acclaimed and honored artist known for her painted story quilts and award-winning children's books.

The Charleston exhibition will continue through Sunday, Nov. 13.



"Lift in Song"

## ALEPPO

## GGG vets board candidates

By Jon Paul Creese

Staff writer

Aleppo residents, frustrated by a perceived failure of the current board of commissioners in its ability to provide representative government, have taken action on their own, forming the Good Government Group (GGG) of Aleppo Township.

Barry Pitek, leader of a grassroots effort that grew into the GGG, said residents have a desire to raise the standards of politics in the township.

The non-partisan group is focused on ensuring elected officials "possess the skills and will to support good government," defined by the group as "that which exhibits professionalism ... protects citizens from careless or self-interested officials ... focuses its efforts on the health, safety and welfare of the governed ... represents the wishes of the governed ... and is a steward of our township's assets and taxpayer dollars."

The current board, which ran up a substantial portion of its budget on litigation residents considered frivolous and personally motivated, is in need of a makeover, the group believes.

Members of GGG have already interviewed six candidates who announced plans to run for three seats that are open for next year.

Among those interviewed are current board members



Gloria Vish, president, and Carolyn Smith.

Residents Drew Forsyth and Greg Smith are also on the ballot and submitted to hour-long interviews by GGG, as have write-in candidates Ed Beaman and Frank Bialek.

"The fact that we interviewed them is very helpful," said Pitek, who as chairperson of the candidate issues subcommittee of GGG, helped formulate questions aimed at determining a candidate's views on government.

The group is a voluntary membership organization open to all who live in or pay Aleppo taxes and consists of an executive committee of 15 representatives. Its members also want the public to get involved in the candidate screening process.

"We would like to provide residents an opportunity to know who is running," Pitek said. "We're trying to put some focus on keeping the activity level high and keeping citizens involved."

The group will host a Meet the Candidates Night tomorrow (Thursday) at the Masonic Village Club-house auditorium.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. and residents will have an opportunity to have their questions addressed by the candidates.

The group asks that residents write their questions and submit them to the group, which will then screen them for duplicates and pose them to the candidates.

Pitek, who will moderate the discussion, has narrowed a lengthy interview process to three questions he will ask candidates to respond to that night.

## SEWICKLEY

## Borough seeks federal grant funds

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Staff writer

Sewickley Borough is seeking federal money to help pay for new curbs and storm water drains along Beaver Street after new water lines are installed in the next few years.

Council approved a motion for the submittal of a \$400,000 grant application to Federal Transportation Enhancement Hometown Streets for the project.

Kevin Flannery, borough manager, said a large part of the Sewickley's infrastructure is more than 100 years old, and that getting between 75 and 100 years of use is considered good.

"When your town is 153 years old, you have to fix the infrastructure," said Flannery. "The \$400,000 will help."

The borough has determined several waterlines are in need of replacement. They begin at the reservoir continuing along Waterworks Road then onto Nevin Avenue, all the way down to its intersection with Beaver, then along Beaver continuing through the commercial district all the way to Edgeworth.

This grant will not cover the cost of installing the water lines. The water authority will borrow money to pay for that.

What a grant will help pay for would be the new sidewalks and storm drains in the commercial district along Beaver Street after the new lines are put in place.



Flannery said Beaver has very few storm water inlets now, and a grant would help change that.

There was talk of doing the entire multi-million dollar waterline project in one construction season — from April to October.

However, Flannery says, the job will be done over a span of three years.

In 2006, Beaver Street between Blackburn Road and Academy Academy, is scheduled to be outfitted with new waterlines. This project should take one construction season, and traffic will be easily rerouted around town.

In 2007, Waterworks Road and Nevin Avenue, all the way down to Beaver, will be completed.

And in 2008, Beaver Street between Blackburn and Nevin

avenues will be addressed.

Because no one knows what will be found when the digging starts, Flannery said it's impossible to determine whether one or both lanes of each street will be closed off during the project.

The third leg of the plan will have the most effect on the business district because portions of Beaver will be closed, and many parking places will be inaccessible.

However, Flannery says, business owners can avoid customer loss by talking a proactive approach.

"They all need to get together and promote themselves before the project start," he says. "That way shoppers will know they are still open."

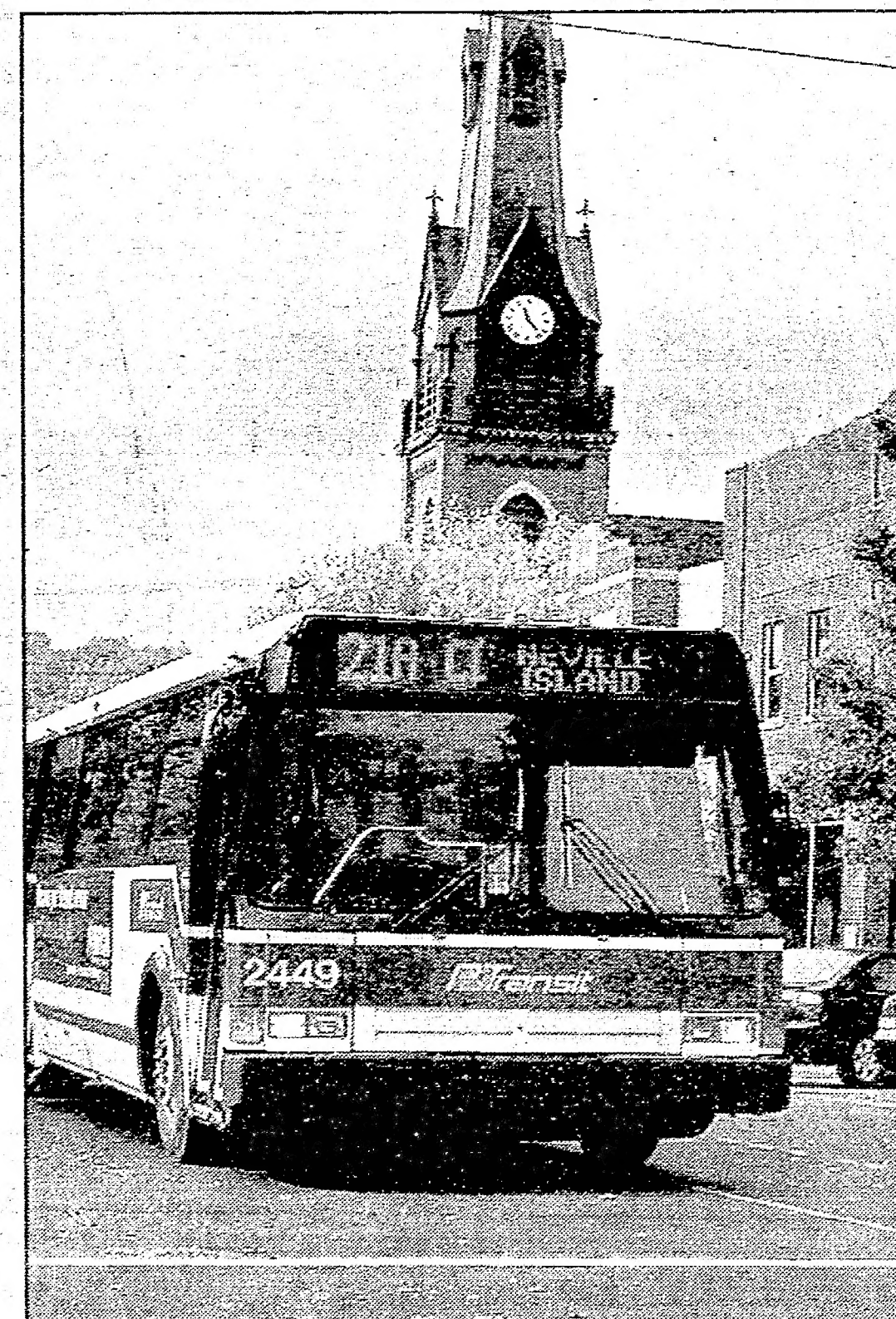
Plus, Flannery said both business owners and residents who will be affected need to remember there is a great benefit to this project.

"New lines along Broad have greatly improved water pressure to all the homes and businesses on Broad Street," he says.

"On Beaver, we're putting in 12-inch lines. Everyone's water pressure will be greatly increased."

Much like with putting a new water heater into a home, if it isn't done when the tank begins showing signs of age, eventually the unit will fail and cause a lot more problems than if it had been replaced beforehand.

## TRAFFIC FLOW



PORT AUTHORITY buses can easily navigate newly renovated Broad Street rather than the more narrow side streets of the borough. Old traffic patterns — from the boulevard to Beaver Street — returned Monday with the opening of the road.

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## VILLAGE VOICES

### What are your thoughts on the late Judge James E. Russo?



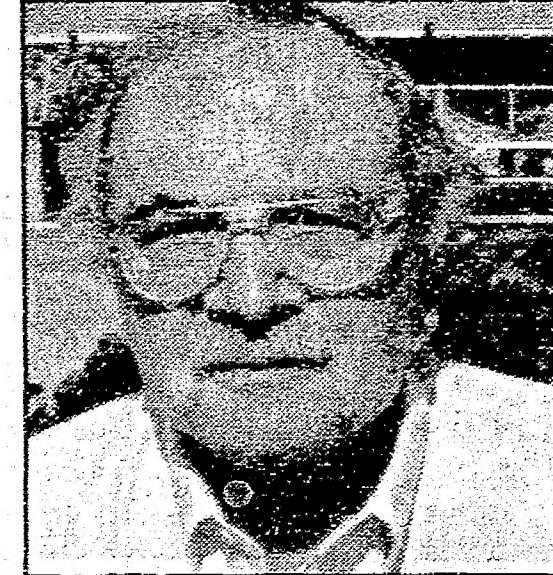
**DEBBIE BAUR-STOROZ**  
Allison Park

"I worked with him for 18 years. He was a great boss. He knew the law and was always there for citizens."



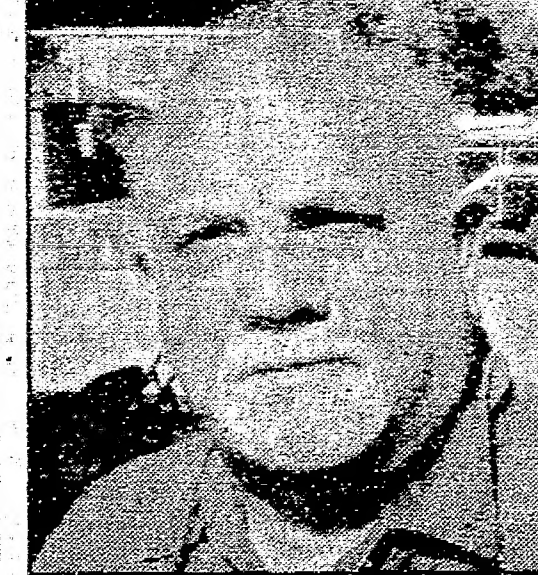
**LINDA SOVICH**  
Leetsdale

"He was a great man of the community."



**JOE RUSSO**  
North Sewickley Township

"He was a great man, brother and friend."



**BILL RUSSO**  
Bell Acres

"Everyone forgot to mention his nickname was Ducky. He got it at age 12 because of his hairdo back then."



**KELLY RUSSO**  
Florida

"I'm proud of him. Although he was not my natural father, he was a father to me and always there for me."

## EDITORIAL

### Readers: State lawmakers too numerous

Both the Pennsylvania House and Senate are too big, according to more than 98 percent of readers who responded to a survey Gateway Newspapers conducted in cooperation with the League of Women Voters.

The survey drew 1,746 responses. The results are overwhelmingly one-sided, with 1,720 readers agreeing that both the Senate and House are larger than they need to be.

Among the handful of readers with opposing views, the current size of the Senate had a bit more supporters (19) than did the size of the House (7). That may well be because the Senate already is considerably smaller — 50 members, compared to 203 in the House.

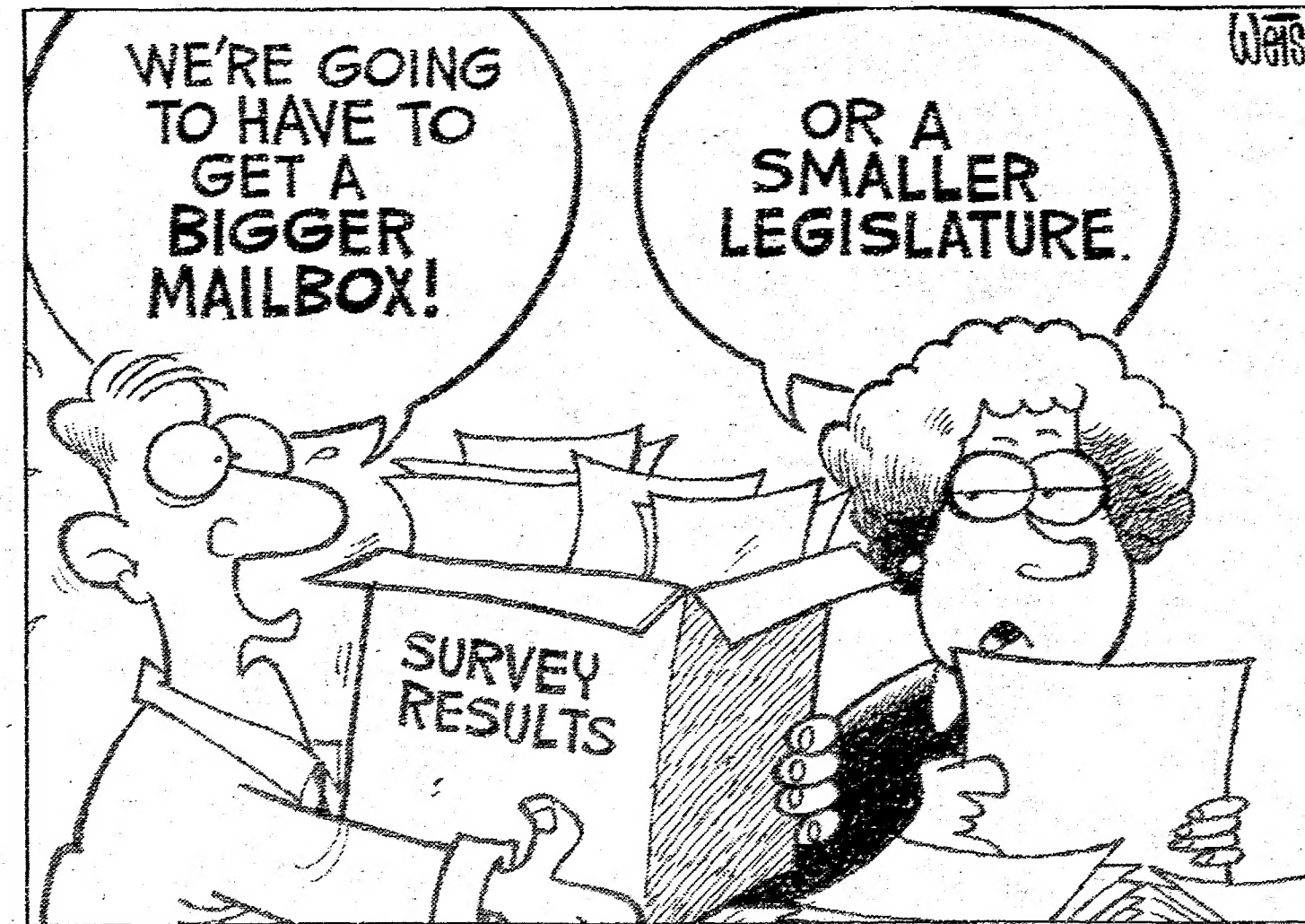
It's important to note that this survey was not a scientifically randomized poll.

But it's also important to note that taking part required more effort than many statewide and national polls. Participants had to clip or download the response form, then mail it to the League.

We thank all those who filled out and submitted a response form, and we're grateful to the League for its role, including handling the tabulation process.

The League continues its efforts to survey the lawmakers, themselves, about the size of the House and Senate, and will use the reader survey results to bolster its members' efforts on that issue through the group's newsletter and in other ways.

We'll be surprised if the lawmaker



survey's results are similar, but we think the results of this survey are a good indication of reader sentiment.

We hope presenting these results will help inspire the public to let lawmakers know Pennsylvania doesn't need so many of them.

The Keystone State's 12.37 million people don't need 253 lawmakers to represent them in Harrisburg when 120 state legislators in Sacramento can represent California's 35.5 million people.

Pennsylvania taxpayers could realize significant savings if they were paying for fewer lawmakers and fewer legislative staffers and perks.

The state constitution would have to be amended to reduce the legislature's size. That's a tall order, but more likely to become reality if Pennsylvanians en masse speak out on the issue, as our readers have done.

Alan Wallace  
Gateway editor

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Council sends thanks to community

To our many friends in Sewickley:

Your incredible donations, box after box after box, of everything and anything we could use has been so uplifting.

You have already made such an incredible impact on the lives of so many people displaced by Hurricane Katrina and now Rita.

The people we meet when distributing your items send their thanks and say they are blessed to have you.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity. You have made a huge difference in our world.

Christy Reeves, CEO,  
Girl Scouts - Audubon Council

And...

While so many have generously donated items and supplies, special thanks go to Dwayne at Parcel Plus for shipping the first batch; Kelly McDowell at Graebel Movers for providing packing supplies; DHL for shipping the second-



**QVMS EIGHTH** graders Kendrew Lawrence of Aleppo Township and Elliot Alpern of Sewickley sort through relief supplies collected for Hurricane Katrina victims.  
Photo submitted by QVSD

batch; Rick Essy the driver and Pitt Express for collecting boxes at the schools and the football game; and most heartfelt thanks to Cheryl and Tom Gamble, who coordinated the

Pitt Express and DHL shipping without a moment's pause.

We are indeed blessed to have such a community!

Maria Swanson, Glen Oaks  
Girl Scout community

### Local drive helps animal victims of Katrina

Editor:

Recently, a local TV news station featured a story about a local veterinarian, Dr. Jennifer Wooderson of Bradford Hills Veterinary Hospital in Wexford, who was collecting donations and supplies to aid animals left homeless and injured from Hurricane Katrina.

My mother, Jane Cotton of Sewickley, saw this news story and knew she wanted to help. Armed with homemade flyers, she began distributing them throughout Sewickley, first at Sewickley Harvest Festival and then at local businesses.

Judy Bailey, owner of The SoHo Shop in Sewickley, made several visits to mom's house

with food, cages and medical supplies.

Giant Eagle in Leetsdale generously contributed several large bags of dog and cat food, as did countless people who opened their hearts and wallets to help these animals.

Mom spent the next three days going door to door, letting people know the urgent need for supplies.

Once again, the community responded, and soon her garage was overflowing with food, water, bedding, toys and much needed medical supplies.

"The response was overwhelming. I am so thankful for all these generous people who went out of their way to help

save these animals," said Jane.

There were so many items donated that she had to enlist the help of several people (special thanks to Valerie and Russ Schmidt) to man a small caravan of vehicles to the veterinary hospital's warehouse in Warrendale.

As they were pulling out of the driveway, two young women flagged mom down and handed her a donation.

As I watched mom thank them, I felt so proud. My mother's love for God's most helpless creatures helped save them through a community that truly cared.

Kelly Clay-Slack,  
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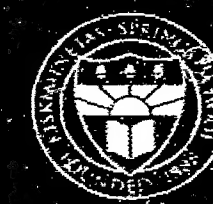
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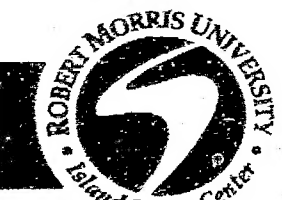
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# In just 9 months, 256 incidents of abuse and neglect were reported in group homes for people with developmental disabilities in Allegheny County.

(From "Threatening the Promise," Keystone Research Center, 2003)

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Sadly, abuse and neglect is far too common in group homes for people with developmental disabilities.

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- Just two months ago, police discovered the remnants of a meth lab in the basement of a personal care home in Donora where eight people with disabilities lived.<sup>3</sup>

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In Allegheny County, we spend \$180 million of our tax dollars every year providing these services to our most at-risk residents. While many agencies provide quality services, too many others need to be held accountable for incidents of abuse and the responsible use of our tax dollars.

1. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 1/14/2003 and 5/18/2001  
2. NBC's Dateline, 4/23/2000  
3. Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, 8/27/2005

The Allegheny Disability Services Alliance is a coalition of direct care workers, people with disabilities and families working in conjunction with SEIU to improve disability services.

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"A Very Merry Evening" is a festive benefit for Verland filled with fun and savings at the downtown department store.

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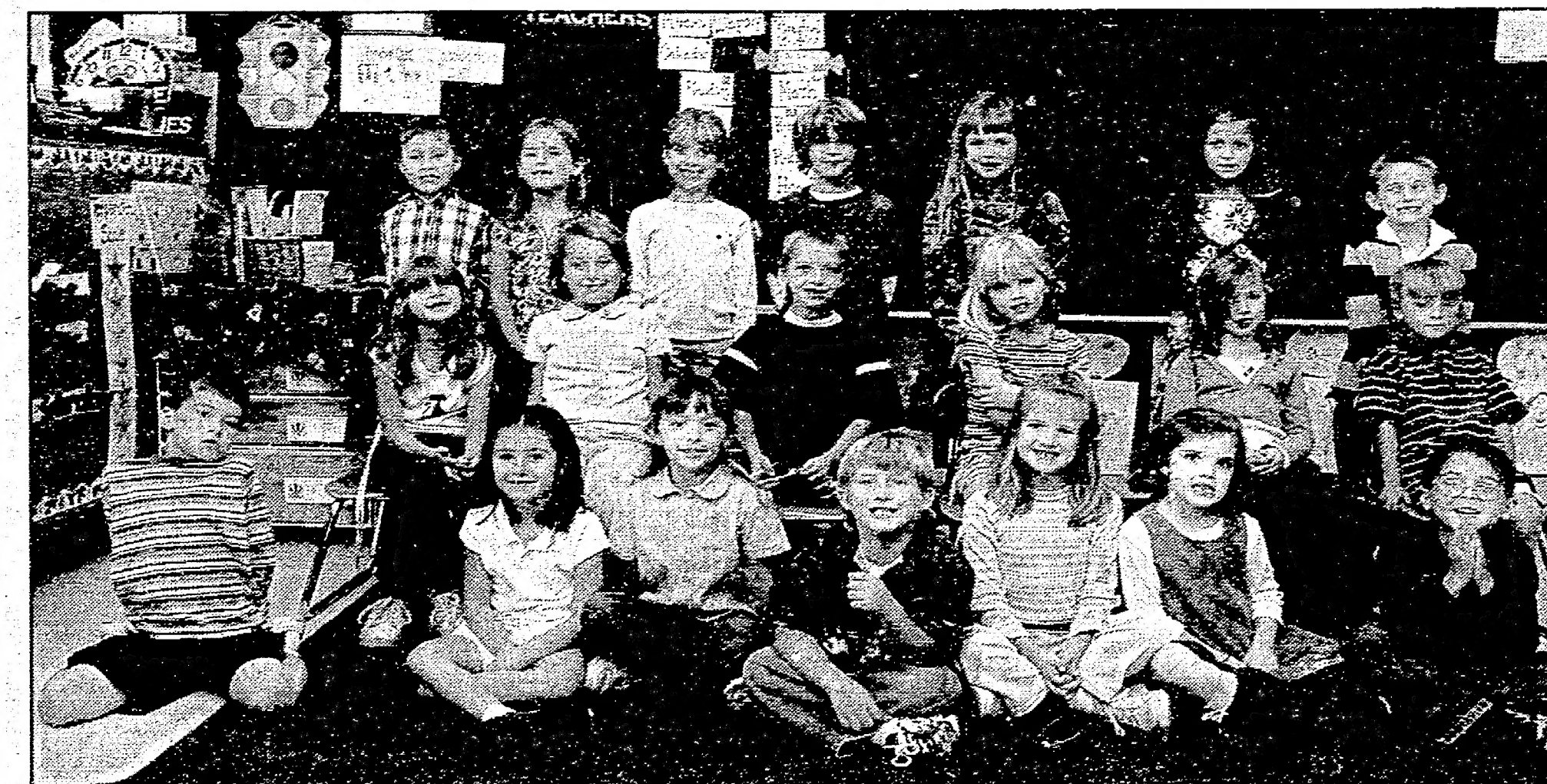
For tickets, call Arlene Connors at 412-741-2578.

### Car wash

Quaker Valley Middle School Juggling Club will host its 7th annual Fall Car Wash fundraiser in the middle school parking lot tomorrow (Thursday) from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.

The car wash is free, but donations are appreciated. One-half of the proceeds will help to purchase new juggling equipment. The other portion will go to hurricane victims in Biloxi, Miss.

### CLASS OF 2017



**STUDENTS IN Elise Woodburn's first grade class of Quaker Valley's Edgeworth School at Anthony Wayne are — (front, from left) Cole Flowers, Julia Freeman, Maria Beatty, Dakota Smith, Claire Rengers, Elizabeth Whalen and Ezekiel Gonzalez; (Middle row, from left) Gloria Irwin, Sophia Poppenberg, Amos Luptak, Delaney Morrow, Cody Perkins and Reed Thomson; (Back, from left) Christian Tobias, Samantha Gramc, Jane Blaugrund, Ben Mulholland, Alana Davidson, Isabel Kun and Cooper Siuciak.**

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## QUAKER VALLEY

## QVMS teacher named 'Good Citizen'

Quaker Valley Middle School social studies teacher John Doucette, who once lived for three days on the roof of the school building to fulfill a fund-raising promise, has received the 2005 Good Citizen Award from Pennsylvania Congresswoman Melissa Hart (R-4th).

Doucette, a QV teacher for 13 years, is one of four recipients of the 2005 award, which honors 4th Congressional district individuals whose volunteer activities improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens and build a stronger community.

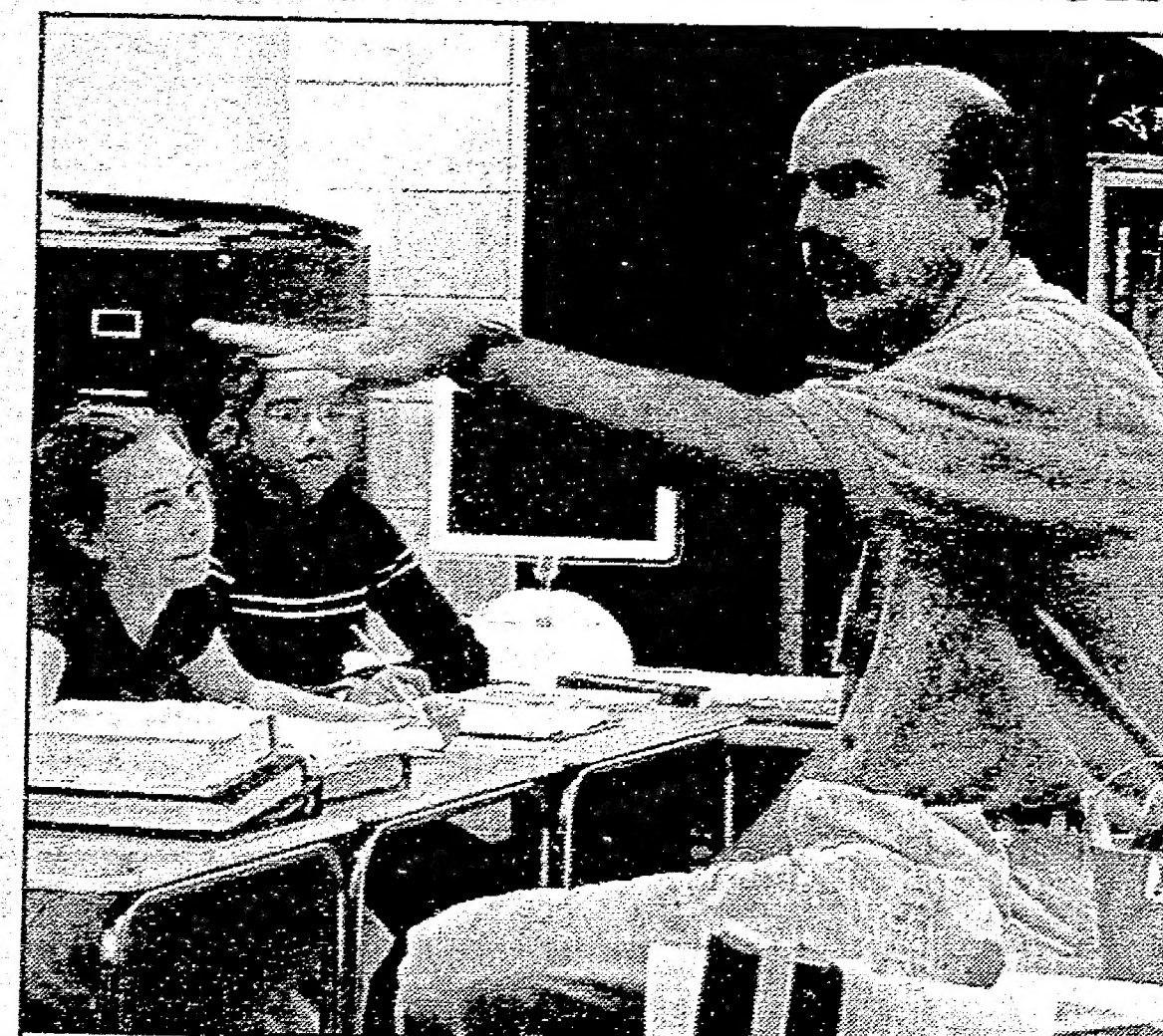
"I am constantly amazed at the generosity of our community," said Hart.

"These individuals make our communities a better place to live and make incredible contributions to those in need. They should all be extremely proud of their work and we should all thank them for their service."

Doucette was nominated for the award by Dr. Kenneth Powell, principal of Quaker Valley Middle School.

Powell cited a long list of Doucette-inspired community service activities at the middle school that engaged his students and kept them focused on helping others.

These activities included coordinating home building for needy families with Hosanna Industries, raising \$18,000 for the education of orphans in



**JOHN DOUCETTE** teaches important lessons inside and outside his classroom at Quaker Valley Middle School.

Africa who had one or both parents die of AIDS and a series of events and activities that raised more than \$30,000 to help the families of the victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

To motivate students during the 2001-2002 school year, Doucette agreed to live in a donated tent on the roof of the middle school one hour for every \$100 raised.

He made good on his promise and spent three full days

and nights on the roof.

"Mr. Doucette is proud of the students for what they have accomplished," Powell said.

"He insists that the students get the credit. He demonstrates above and beyond what a teacher can do, but in the end would give the credit to the school board, staff, parents and teachers who did for others when they could not do for themselves."

## Watson programs offer parental support

The Education Center at The Watson Institute on Camp Meeting Road offers support group meetings to parents of children with special needs.

## SPECIAL AID

All meetings are free of charge and open to parents and siblings of students enrolled at The Watson Institute, as well as the community at large. The meetings are designed to provide an opportunity for parents and siblings touched by a child with special needs to share concerns, feelings, ideas, resources and other helpful information.

Attendees are asked to RSVP by calling 412-749-2824.



Meetings will be cancelled on days when school has been closed or delayed due to weather.

**Parents Together** meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Education Center.

Meeting dates are Oct. 14, Nov. 4, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7 and May 5.

**Parents of Autistic and Autistic-Like Students (PAALS)** focuses on specific issues facing families of children with autism and related developmental disorders.

Their meetings will be held on Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21 and May 5.

**Evening Parent Support Group** meets from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at the Education Center.

Baby-sitting services are provided free of charge for the program, but reservations are required.

This group will meet on Nov. 10. Other dates may be added as needed based on discussion at this meeting.

**Sibling Support Group and the Sibling Parent Discussion Group** meet four times throughout the school year from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Baby-sitting services are provided, but reservations are required for children not participating in the meeting.

The groups are scheduled to meet on Oct. 27, Dec. 1, Feb. 9 and April 6.

## LOCAL NEWS

## NEW BUSINESS

## Internet coffee house opens on former Harmonist site

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Staff writer

Bringing a historical district of a small town back to life is not an easy task.

But Cindy Bologna-Ridge is confident it can be done once someone takes that first crucial step. And she has been brave enough to do just that.

After more than a year of extensive renovations to an original Harmonist building, the Silk House Café opened along 14th Street in the Ambridge Historical District.

"It was an idea that turned into reality," she says.

A native of Ambridge, Bologna-Ridge has long eyed a rebirth for the small community. The former U.S. Airways flight attendant has purchased and renovated a few Ambridge properties in the past, and as a lover of "good" coffee, she thought a coffee house would be a perfect fit for the historical district.

"This is what the community needed," she says. "Coffee houses are nice, a little upscale yet affordable."

And she must be right. Since opening a few weeks ago, a steady stream of coffee lovers, pastry junkies and those looking for a fresh meal have walked through the door. With the closest coffee houses being either in Sewickley or Economy, the Silk House Café seems to be filling a serious void.

"People come in everyday and tell me I'm a Godsend," she says, adding her customer base is coming from all over the Sewickley Valley area.

Students come in after school for a sweet treat and to relax on the comfy couch, and business professionals hold morning meetings in the upstairs meeting room, which can be used free of charge.

## Where to find the Herald

• BP Oil Co., Edgeworth, 209 Ohio River Boulevard  
• Eckerd, Ambridge, Merchant St.; Eckerd, Leetsdale, Quaker Village Shopping Center; and Eckerd, Sewickley, 515 Beaver St.  
• Giant Eagle, Quaker Village Shopping Center, Leetsdale  
• Iceworks, 441 1/2 Walnut St.,



Some customers tote their laptops in, order a latte, plug into the wireless network and begin surfing the Internet. A few can even be spotted kicking their shoes off.

And, she adds, many people simply choose a coffee house instead of a bar to get together with friends.

"It really feels like home. People want to be here."

The Silk House Café's menu includes all the specialty coffee drinks java junkies have come to love: including lattes, espressos and cappuccinos. Teetotalers also will be happy to find a hot or iced tea on the menu. The shop also offers a range of pastries, all locally made.

For those who need some real food to accompany their caffeine, the coffee house has bagels, muffins and croissants on its breakfast menu and several sandwiches and wraps made fresh for lunch.

Bologna-Ridge says the shop will soon start baking its own breads fresh each day.

• Merchant at 8th and Merchant Street, Ambridge  
• Miller's Mini Mart, 2020 Big Sewickley Creek Road  
• Safran's, Sewickley, 429 Walnut St.  
• Sewickley News, 509 Beaver Ave.  
• SVH Gift Shop  
• Tony R's Pizza, 850 Nevin Ave.  
• Yankello Radio-TV, Sewickley, 604 Beaver St.

The name of the new café pays homage to the original use of the two-story structure. When it was built in 1826, the Harmonists used it as one of the three houses where they produced their world-renowned silk fabric.

Bologna-Ridge even thinks the silk worms may have been kept in the basement. Now that Bologna-Ridge has taken the initiative to breathe new life into a once vital historical district, she says others are beginning to follow. Two long vacant buildings are now under contract and developers are beginning to draw up plans for the vacant brown fields.

She says the bowling alley is getting a new façade and other buildings are beginning to get new storefronts as well.

"A lot of positive things are happening already. It's all coming together."

Silk House Café is located at 317 14th St. in Ambridge. Hours are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bands will begin playing at the café on Saturday nights and hours will be extended to 9 p.

The second-floor meeting room is available at no charge, and there are also two computers available for use for \$6 per hour.

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Sewickley gardeners celebrate 10th anniversary for Botany program

Submitted by yoursewickley on September 1, 2005 - 01:24

Botany in Action is the brainchild of Susan Glancy, 69, and Paula Cook Scully, 60, both of Sewickley, two civic-minded gardeners, grandmothers and members of the Garden Club of Allegheny County. The botany program celebrates its 10th anniversary this summer.

Read the full story here

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Broad Street construction off schedule

Submitted by yoursewickley on September 1, 2005 - 01:19

The Tribune-Review is reporting that construction on Broad street is off schedule because of century-old utility lines under the street.

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Call for artists

Submitted by yoursewickley on August 12, 2005 - 02:20

Sweetwater Center for the Arts, 200 Broad St., is seeking works from African-American artists in all types of media for its First Fruits IX exhibition, as part of the Maroon Festival in October. Submission forms are available upon request. Call Karen White at 412-741-4405.

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Farnian joins International honor society

Submitted by csmazzoni on July 18, 2005 - 02:23

Katherine Farnian of Sewickley has been named to the International Honor Society of Women.

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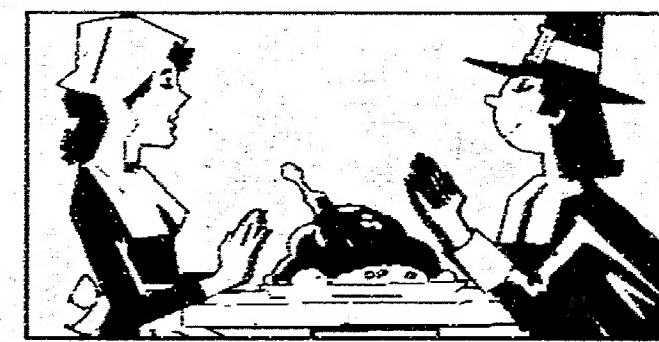
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From the Sewickley Herald

August 31, 2005

## HAPPENINGS



## 'Adopt' a family on Monday at Y

Last year almost 100 area families were provided with a box of food for a Thanksgiving dinner by their more fortunate neighbors.

The Union Aid Society, working with the Newcomers Club and the Sewickley Valley YMCA, is asking the community to contribute once again to this effort.

The Turkey Tree will go up at the Sewickley Valley YMCA on Monday, Oct. 17, for families to "adopt" a family for the holiday.

Also on that date, food deliveries will be accepted at the Sewickley Public Library and at the YMCA.

What to contribute? Canned vegetables and fruits, cranberry jelly, a pie mix with crust, gravy in a mix or a can, and a turkey coupon from Safran's or a gift card from Giant Eagle would make up a fine offering.

Sponsors will provide bags of apples and potatoes.

The food drive ends on Saturday, Nov. 12. The Union Aid and Newcomers Club members take over from there, sorting and organizing all the contributions into assigned families' boxes.

## Outdoor market set

A Relay For Life Market will be held at QVHS's track from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22.

The market will include a craft sale, flea market, bake sale and more.

Table space is available. Fee is \$5 for pre-registered Relay For Life teams, and \$10 for all others.

All proceeds may be put toward a team's Relay For Life fund-raising efforts for the May 2006 relay.

Space size for a table is approximately 10 feet by 10 feet. Electricity is not available. Soft drinks will be sold by the Relay For Life committee.

In case of inclement weather, the market will be in the school's gym.

For more information or to register for a table, call Marianne at 412-749-5557, Ext. 2307 or call Vicki at 412-749-5557, Ext. 2112.

# TEMPO

## AUTHOR, AUTHOR

## Sewickley native's history told in novel

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Staff writer

Every family has a story. Most include the tale of emigration from a small country to the great land of America in search of a better life. And while records can be traced back as far as Ellis Island, for many that is the end of the line.

Names were changed, hometowns were incorrectly identified and records were either incomplete or lost.

So was the case for Sewickley native John Malone. Or so he thought.

Then one day, desperate to find the origin of his Irish family whom he believed came from County Cork, he did a Google search on "John Malone, Brownsville, Pennsylvania." This was his great-great-grandfather and the town where he settled.

Much to Malone's shock, the search yielded an 1844 application for citizenship in Fayette County from a John Malone.

Filled with nervous excitement, Malone headed to the Uniontown courthouse and found the record signed by his great-grandfather. But he also found a big surprise.

"It turned out he wasn't from County Cork, he was from County Cavan. He just came through Cork," says Malone. "For years, we'd been searching County Cork."

This missing fact was the one thing that kept Malone's father, also named John, from tracing his family back to the old country. Armed with this new and crucial piece of information, Malone set off for County Cavan to find the story behind his family and how they came to settle in western Pennsylvania.

Once in Ireland, the whole mystery of the Malone family quickly unraveled.

So elated by what he found, Malone took the story of his great-great-grandparents, Jack and Margaret, their young love and their journey to America and turned it into his first novel, "Farewell Forever."

"Based on that one fact, I was able to find enough information to write a book," Malone says.

Just published, "Farewell Forever" is what Malone calls historical fiction. Much like the blockbuster movie "Titanic," the facts of "Farewell Forever" are true; however, the dialogue around those facts is pure conjecture.



SEWICKLEY NATIVE John Malone.

However, Malone did not just make up what he felt his ancestors may have said to each other. He read an endless amount of Irish historical books, studied regional dialects in Ireland and mastered Irish culture.

"I wanted it to be as historical as possible. These people never had their story told, which is really sad. They had courage and determination to come to America, and no one knows anything about them."

Now many will learn of young Jack and Margaret Malone who were mere newlyweds when they left their home and families in the summer of 1842 — just three years before the potato famine — in search of a new and better life.

The young couple trekked through Dublin, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Wheeling before arriving in Brownsville, Fayette County, to begin a life and family of their own.

Three generations later, in 1935, Malone was born. Raised in Sewickley in the 1940s and 1950s, he attended Pitt and studied international affairs. Something, he says, was sparked by his interest in travel, as well as President John Kennedy's inaugural speech.

In his 38-year career with the World

Bank, Malone and his family lived in many parts of world, and he often found himself in Ireland unsuccessfully searching his roots.

Even his father spent more than decade cataloging the Malone family roots, but was unable to go back to the beginning before his death in 1991. The book is dedicated to him.

"I think he'd be happy," Malone says.

Penning "Farewell Forever" is not the end of Malone's genealogical journey. The North Carolina retiree is working on a sequel called "Riverman" about his great-grandfather, Tom Malone, who spent 20 years as a deck hand on the Monongahela River.

"It will pick up where this leaves off," he says.

"Farewell Forever" is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com) for \$15.96 and at the Penguin Book Shop, Sewickley, for \$15. Copies also are available at Sewickley Public Library. Malone will be doing book signing and readings on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 4 p.m. at Hansen Library at Sewickley Academy and Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. at Sewickley Public Library.



## ON THE CALENDAR

## Monthly programs at nature center

Fern Hollow Nature Center presents a new monthly adult environmental program, "The Sophisticated Naturalist," which will feature some of the best ecologists, scientists and naturalists in Pennsylvania.

The first program, "The American Chestnut Breeding Program," will take place today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

Sarah Fitzsimmons from the PA Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation's Backcross Breeding Program will discuss the chestnut blight that nearly eradicated these trees from Pennsylvania and how her organization is working to develop a blight-resistant strain of this species.

Fitzsimmons also will discuss the status of the American Chestnut experimental orchard in Sewickley Heights Borough Park.

The program is geared to young adults through senior citizens.

Admission is free for Fern Hollow Nature Center members and \$2 per person for non-members.

Fern Hollow Nature Center is located at 1901 Glen Mitchell Road, Sewickley.

For more information, call 412-741-6136 or visit [www.fhnc.org](http://www.fhnc.org).

CARING & SHARING  
Local YMCA begins new scholarship campaign

Each year, the board of directors, staff and community volunteers of the Sewickley Valley YMCA commit their time, energy and talents to fund raising for the annual Caring & Sharing campaign.

One hundred percent of all funds raised through this effort goes directly to supporting those in our community who are in need.

Funds raised in 2005 will be dispersed in 2006 to those children, individuals and families in need of important YMCA programs and services.

Scholarship awards are based primarily on poverty guidelines set by the Department of Health and Human Services. These guidelines take into account income and number of household members.

The Y is committed to serving everyone — all ages, races, faiths, ability levels and income levels. No one is ever turned away from the YMCA because of an inability to pay.

This year's campaign is being spearheaded by volunteer tri-chairs Susan Kaminski, Kathleen Wycoff and David Pusateri.

The overall goal for 2005 is \$201,000.

Gifts to "Caring & Sharing," which runs through the end of October, can be made by contacting the YMCA offices at 412-741-9622, Ext. 125 or 112.



SEWICKLEY VALLEY YMCA kicked off the 2005 installment of "Caring & Sharing," the YMCA scholarship campaign, with a festive reception at the home of Claude and Laura Kronk on Saturday, Sept. 24. Taking part in the evening were (from left) Susan Nitzberg, event chair; Dan Koett, YMCA director of development and communications; Susan Kaminski, campaign chair; Kathleen Wycoff, campaign co-chair; Dave Pusateri, campaign co-chair; Luke Ward, YMCA board chair; and Dave Stevenson, YMCA executive director.

## Savoring Sewickley Chapter 6

Presented by the Friends of Sewickley Public Library, Savoring Sewickley is a most popular fund-raising event.

In its 6th year, the evening brings together a sampling of the finest local cuisine, pairing food and wine with friendship

and literature.

Savoring Sewickley will be held Sunday, Oct. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sewickley Public Library.

Guests may enjoy the new library while sampling the creations by local chefs. Savor

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selections from The Café, the Edgeworth Club, Sewickley Hotel and China Palace, just to name a few.

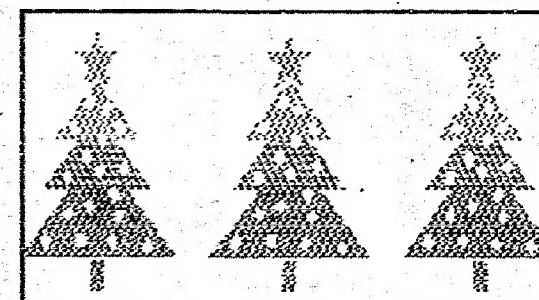
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dishes and newest concoctions throughout the library — from appetizers through desserts.

Don't eat alone on Sunday, Oct. 16.

For more information about the Savoring Sewickley event or to make a reservation, visit the circulation desk or call 412-741-3974.

## UPCOMING



## Event calendar set for holidays

Have you begun planning for the holidays?

If you are in charge of an event or on a committee that is organizing a holiday function, then the answer is probably yes.

The Sewickley Yuletide Committee, in cooperation with the Sewickley Herald & Trib Total Media, is gathering holiday event information to include on a calendar in the Sewickley Herald Yuletide Guide.

Yuletide in the Village is much more than just Light-Up Night. Local businesses, organizations and churches hold holiday festivities from November through December.

Organizing all of this information into a calendar form can help families and friends better plan for these events.

Events and functions to be included in the Yuletide Guide calendar should be open to the public and have a holiday theme.

Listing information should include — event / function name, date(s), location, time, contact information and sponsoring and/or benefiting organization. Include a phone number and/or e-mail address of a contact person.

Listing information must be received on or before Friday, Nov. 4, to be included in the Yuletide Guide Calendar. The committee and the Herald reserve the right to edit or to exclude information.

Any information that is available now will be helpful to begin compiling the calendar. Updated information can be added before the printing deadline.

Send or e-mail calendar event information to Yuletide Calendar Listings, c/o Gateway Newspapers, 1964 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 or e-mail to [yuletide@gatewaynewspapers.com](mailto:yuletide@gatewaynewspapers.com).

For more information on the calendar, call 412-388-5835.

## ARTFEST

## Sweetwater kicks off Mavuno celebration

The celebration of "First Fruits IX" has begun at Sweetwater Center for the Arts.

The Mavuno Festival, with its focus on African American artists, opened with a reception. Guests enjoyed music and fine food and a tour through the balcony gallery.

■ On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15, film will be the spotlighted medium with a showing of "Black is...Black ain't," the last film by documentary filmmaker Marion Riggs. The viewing, which is free and begins at 7 p.m., is Riggs' study of Black identity within the African American community.

■ On Saturday, "I Shall Not Be Removed," the biography of Marion Riggs will be shown.

The screening is free and begins at 7 p.m.

■ Also on Saturday, Oct. 15, students of any age are invited to experience the richness of West African dance with instructor Michelle Edison.

The class will be held at Sweetwater from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.



FRIDAY'S GUESTS enjoyed the sounds of the Paul Thompson Trio.

■ On Friday, Oct. 21, Dr. Ken Powell will perform with the "Burgh Quartet" at Sweetwater from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

■ The Kuntu Repertory theatre will

perform at Sewickley Academy's Rea Auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 22, and a Community Day with UMOJA African Arts Co. will be held Saturday, Oct. 29.

Call Sweetwater at 412-741-4405 for more information.

## CLUB DATE

## Premier chefs cater SVH Foundation Club Crawl

After being welcomed at the Allegheny Country Club, guests will travel by trolley from club to club for a progressive evening of food, fun and mystery at this year's Sewickley Valley Hospital Foundation's Club Crawl.

Gourmet appetizers will await them at Diamond Run and Sewickley Heights Golf Club.

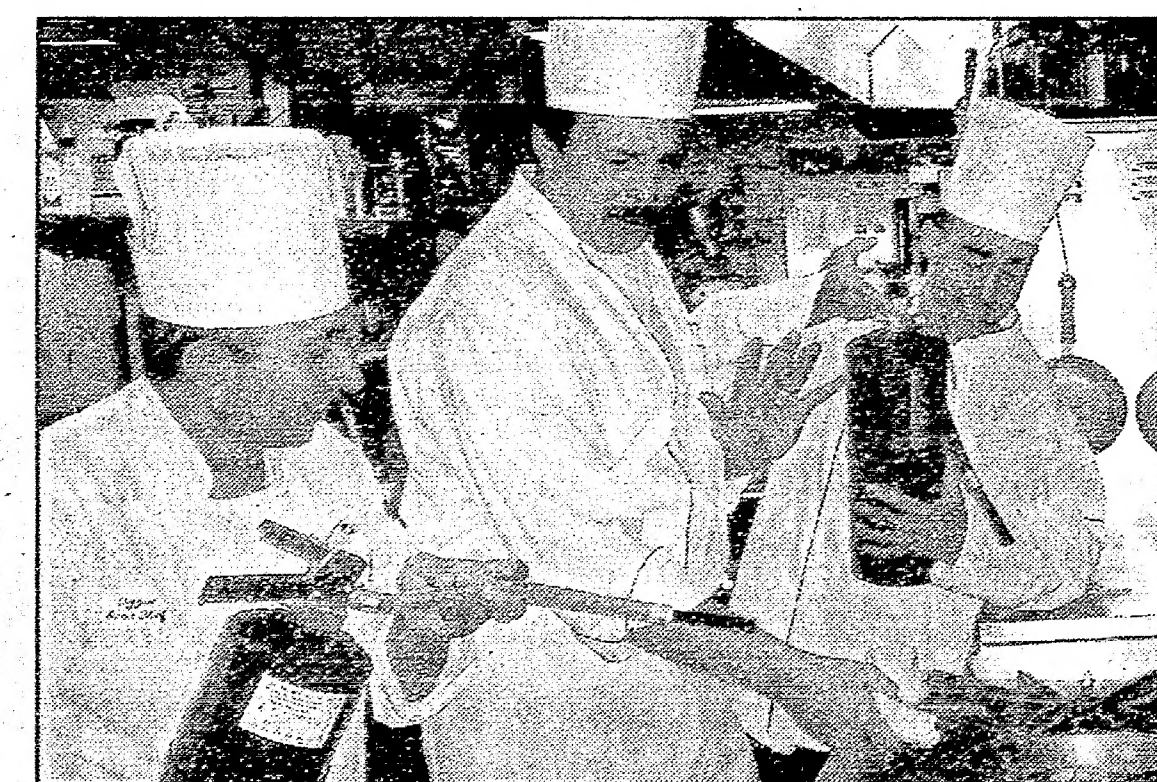
Just one of Diamond Run Country Club's Executive Chef Terry Freehling's many offerings will be his famous seared rare tuna.

Freehling, who grew up in Saxonburg, was educated at the Culinary Institute of New York.

At the Sewickley Heights Golf Club, Chef Brian Simpson has more surprises in store for the evening. Among his signature hors d'oeuvres are his famous French-fried scallops.

Simpson, a Fox Chapel native, earned a bachelor's degree in culinary arts from Johnston Wales University in Providence, R.I.

Next trolley stop is the Edgeworth Club where Executive Chef Jeff Rudek promises more surprises at the



CHEFS Terry Freehling and Ozzie Awad stand at the ready as Chef Jeff Rudek prepares a flambé for your pleasure.

various food stations as dinner is presented. The stations vary from Italian to seafood, with a variety of taste treats in between. Stop at the salad area and see a salad shaken, not stirred!

Rudek began his career in food service in 1978 and has been an active member of the American Culinary Federation

since 1981. He attended the Culinary Institute of America in 1983 and achieved National Certification in 1993. After serving the Edgeworth Club as sous chef for many years, Rudek was elevated to executive chef.

The trolley's final stop is the Allegheny Country Club for scrumptious desserts presented by Executive Chef John

King and Sous Chef Osman Awad.

The club's pastry chefs Raymond Pawlak, who worked in France, and Emily McFarland, who also worked in Europe, will prepare their specialties, pear and apple tortes.

King was graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, and was affiliated with the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City and others.

Awad, a graduate of the Cairo, Egypt Hotel and Tourism College, was cook at the Nile Hilton Hotel in Cairo, and the Cruise Liner in the Nile.

The evening will conclude with a Silent Auction featuring works by local and world-renowned artists. More valuable surprise items also will be featured.

If you haven't made your reservation, call the SVH Foundation at 412-741-7121 or visit [www.heritagevalley.org](http://www.heritagevalley.org).

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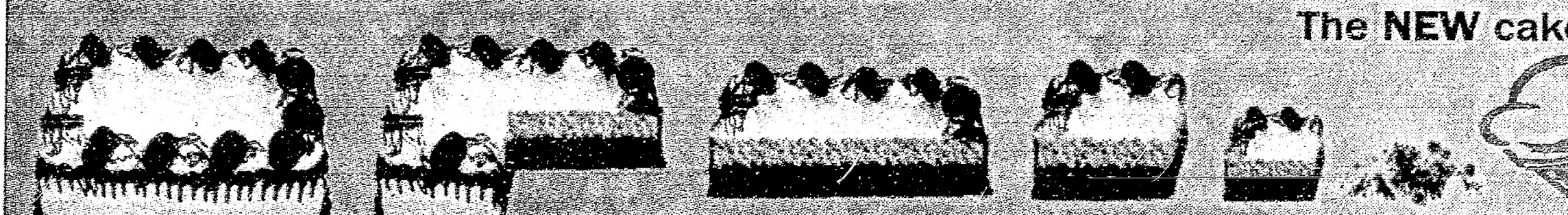


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## SPOTLIGHT

## Rodan performs at coffee house

"Rodan and the Strangers" will provide live music at a coffee house on Friday, Oct. 21, from 8 to 10 p.m., hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 801 Beaver St., Sewickley.

Rodan is a popular performer of musical Americana: blues, ragtime, bluegrass and Christian spirituals.

Tickets are \$5 at the door. The cost includes coffee and refreshments.

For more information, see RodanRock@yahoo.com or call the church at 412-741-8840.

## Senior Men's Club

Lori Cole, musical director of Moon Area High School, and a choral ensemble will be the guests at Friday's Senior Men's Club meeting.

The men's club meets each week at Sewickley Valley YMCA. The men gather at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, doughnuts and conversation.

The program begins at 10.

All retired area men are welcome to attend the meetings and to join the community service club.

The YMCA is located on Blackburn Road in Sewickley.

## GALLERY WALK



WHILE IT rained a little on this year's Fall Gallery Walk on Friday, there was plenty of art and artistry indoors. (Top, left) Valerie Murray and son Christian of Kennedy Township designed some gifts at the Clay Cafe. (Above) John Couiter of Edgeworth reviewed the poster offerings at International Images. And across the street at Sewickley School of the Performing Arts, the Elan Dancers held a bake sale fundraiser for Children's Hospital.

Photos by Laura Hallerman

## AUTUMN EXCITEMENT

## Projects to help fall into home fix-ups this season

(NAPSI)-The crisp autumn air, changing foliage and cooler temperatures of fall are a good time to tackle home improvement projects. There are a number of simple home projects around the house that will help prepare your home for the winter months ahead.

Here are some simple home fix-up projects to get your home in shape this fall:

- Gutter Buster-Falling leaves, twigs and pine needles can block downspouts and cause rainwater to overflow gutters. Clean your gutters after most of the leaves have fallen and check for and repair any problems. To keep gutters clear for next fall, install mesh or perforated leaf shields.

- Now Adhere This-Cracked bathroom tiles, peeling linoleum and chipped molding can easily be replaced to give rooms a fresh look. The Loctite Power Grab Pressure Pack™ (www.loctiteproducts.com) is a high-strength construction adhesive designed for multi-surface use on surfaces such as concrete, brick, veneer, treated lumber, plywood and drywall. In addition, the pressure pack is easy to dispense and no extra



caulk gun is needed.

- Avoid Drafty Situations-Part of your fall chores should be checking your home's doors and windows for areas where cool air can leak in, and warm air can escape. To make them draft free, make sure to maintain and upgrade weather stripping. All sorts of do-it-yourself materials are available: rope caulk, self-

stick foam, and rubber weatherseals www.duckproducts.com. The goal is to ensure that your windows and doors are snug but still operative.

- Keep the Heat-Fall is the perfect time to inspect insulation. Up to 80 percent of a home's heat loss typically occurs around ceilings, and can be dramatically reduced by adding insulation. Proper attic insulation is the key to cutting this loss, and will keep your house warmer in winter and cooler in summer. If there is no flooring over ceiling joists, adding loose insulation is as easy as emptying the bags and spreading an even layer. If your attic has flooring, you may need to insulate between the roof rafters.

- No Smoking Section-Make

sure to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

- Neat Freak-Sorting and reorganizing drawers, closets and cabinets can greatly improve the look of your home and it can be done without spending a fortune. Clean out your summer wardrobe and donate old clothing and furniture to local charities to help leave more space for items you use. With masking tape for labeling and a few plastic storage bins, boxes or baskets, you can easily bring order to cluttered areas.

Don't feel like you have to tackle these home improvement tasks on your own. Have the entire family chip in and help out. And when you're done, be sure to reward everyone with a mug of hot apple cider.

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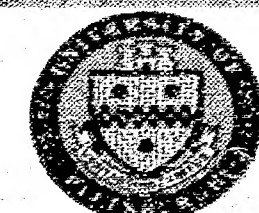
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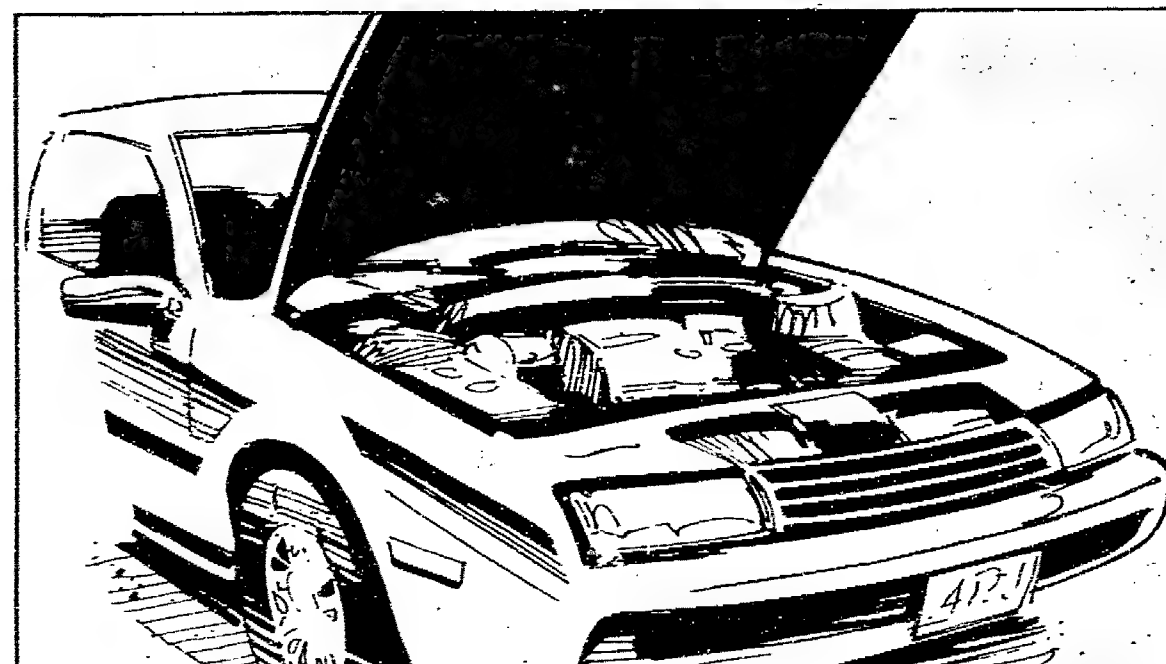
## Stay ahead before the temperature changes

(NAPSI)—Seasonal car care planning and preventative maintenance can save you money and time as the weather changes.

"Timely maintenance does more than keep your vehicle running smoothly," says Pat Goss, longtime mechanic and owner of Goss' Garage in Seabrook, Md., as well as co-host of the PBS television show "MotorWeek."

"It will save you money in both the short- and long-term because you are improving your vehicle's trade-in value, getting the most out of its mileage and preventing costly repairs down the road."

In addition to keeping cash in your pockets, performing routine maintenance and using quality products can help drivers stay safe through even the nastiest of



conditions. Maintenance plays a big role in staying safe according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about one in eight crashes can be attributed to mechanical defects due to neglected vehicle maintenance.

To avoid costly repairs and

ensure your safety in preparation for harsh conditions, prep in advance by following a few simple guidelines:

### Early Fall

- Tune-Ups—Get a full engine tune-up, as outlined in your owner's manual.

- Fix The Brakes—Don't postpone needed brake work. Avoiding brake repair can be extremely dangerous, and if you procrastinate, you may end up damaging your rotors and incurring considerably more repair cost.

- Get An Oil Change—"Motor oil is the lifeblood of every vehicle," says Goss. "Replacing your current oil with a synthetic product that is specifically designed for longer oil change intervals, such as Mobil 1 Extended Performance, helps to extend the life of your car."

It is guaranteed to protect critical engine parts for up to 15,000 miles. Bear in mind, if you plan to go longer between oil changes, it is vital to follow the maintenance schedule for service to your brakes, tires, battery and other systems."

### Mid to Late Fall

- Check The Battery—If a battery is older than four years, it may not work well in cold weather. When in doubt, replace it.

- Check Filters, Coolants and Hoses—Make sure all filters (oil, gas and air) are in good condition.

Check the coolant and thermostat to ensure proper engine warm-up, and make sure your heater and defroster work. Coolant should be changed every two years, though the extended-life coolants used in many newer vehicles last about five years. Check for leaking or soft hoses and replace as needed.

- Emergencies—Put together an emergency kit containing gloves, boots, blankets, flares, a

small shovel, sand or kitty litter (handy for providing traction on slippery surfaces), tire chains, a flashlight and a cell phone. You may also want to put a few "high-energy" snacks in your glove box.

### Late Fall

- Tire Pressure—Check tires for excessive wear and proper inflation. Be careful not to under-inflate or over-inflate tires.

Low pressure increases wear and fuel consumption, while too much pressure can reduce traction, especially in icy conditions. As the weather gets cooler, your air pressure decreases.

- Ice Windows and Locks—Make sure to have window ice scrapers and de-icers available. Also make sure your windshield wipers and front and rear defrosters are working properly. A de-icer for door locks is also useful.

- Slow Down—Do not exceed speed limits and keep safe driving distances. Unnecessary speedups, slowdowns and stops can decrease fuel economy by up to two miles per gallon.

Avoid gas-wasting jackrabbit starts and pace your driving to help avoid the need for sudden stops, which is especially critical during wet and icy road conditions.

- Vehicle Warm-Up—To ensure proper engine oil flow and lubrication, allow your engine to idle for a few seconds before driving in cold weather, and drive slowly for the first few miles until the oil is fully warmed up. In addition to being good for your engine, this practice reduces emissions and saves fuel.

"There's no reason to put off what you can accomplish today—and why wait until it's bitter out?" says Goss. "Your car will be more reliable throughout the winter if properly cared for in the fall months."

For more information on vehicle maintenance, check out these Web sites, [www.goss-garage.com](http://www.goss-garage.com), [www.mobiloil.com](http://www.mobiloil.com), [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov).

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### LUNCH DATE

## Historic Christy House has facelift through generous grant

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Thanks to a generous grant that recognized the Christy House as a historical landmark, extensive improvements were made to the building that was built in 1862.

Rain gutters and downspouts and the drainage system to the city sewer were repaired.

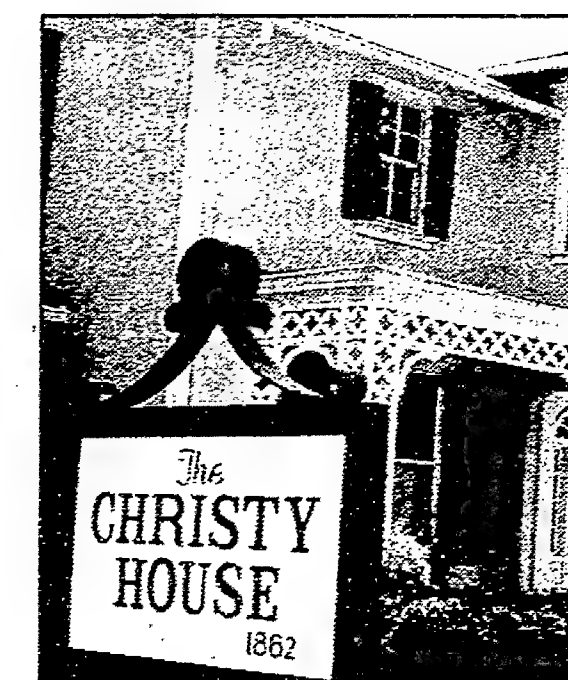
The rear porch foundation and horizontal support beams

were repaired, a new rear deck was constructed and siding on the back side of the second floor above the porch was replaced.

The front and side porches were cleaned and painted. The interior of the house had dry-wall finished and old wallpaper removed.

Damaged plaster was repaired, and all the ceilings, walls, and much of the trim throughout the house were painted.

New electrical service was



installed.

Special thanks was extended to the volunteers who painstakingly painted the fence that surrounds the property.

The cooks and many volunteer hostesses who serve the Friday lunches are particularly grateful for the installation of air-conditioning in the kitchen, along with a new kitchen floor and repaired kitchen cabinets.

The Christy House is open every Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling 412-741-5960 after 9:30 Friday mornings or during the week at 724-774-1505.

Guests may visit "The Needle's Eye" for unusual gift items or "Earthly Treasures" on the second floor for attractive slightly used household items and jewelry.

Proceeds from the Christy House projects support the missions of St. Stephen's church.

Christy House is located on Frederick Street, Sewickley.

### HEALTH CARE

## Heritage Valley sponsors special health classes

CPR classes are held on a regular basis at Heritage Valley Health System.

■ An Infant/Child CPR class will be held Monday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m., in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 on the fourth floor at Sewickley Valley Hospital.

Attendees will get a review of infant and child safety and learn how to perform CPR and how to handle a choking emergency.

A \$20 fee includes pocket mask.

■ An Adult CPR (Heart-saver) class will be held Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. at Sewickley Valley Hospital.

Attendees will learn how to perform CPR and the Heimlich maneuver on an adult.

A \$25 fee, which may be reimbursable by insurance, is charged for this class.

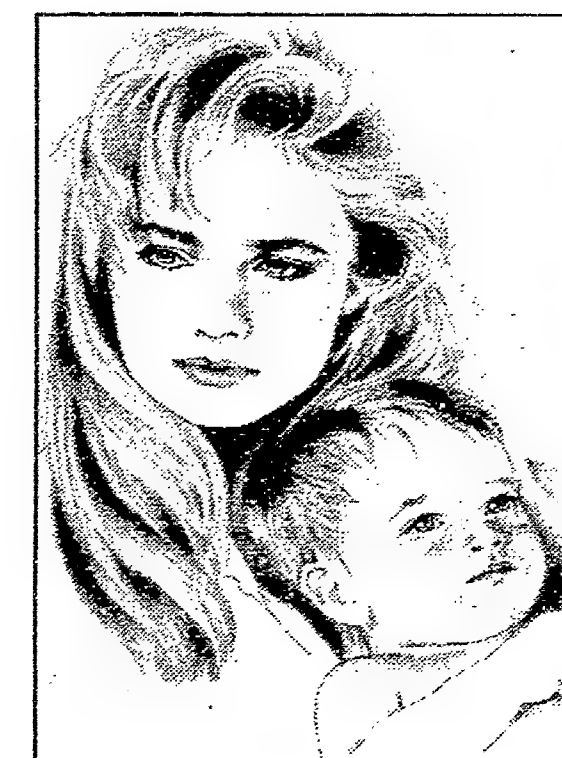
To register for either class, call Mary Carolyn Nash at 412-749-7120, or e-mail your name, address, phone number and date of the class to [mnash@hvhs.org](mailto:mnash@hvhs.org).

■ If you are expecting a baby, Heritage Valley Health System's maternity classes can help you and your family members prepare for upcoming life changes.

Classes are being offered in October at Sewickley Valley Hospital (SVH). They are free unless otherwise noted.

■ A one-day prenatal class will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Children's Sabbath services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Come and be inspired. All are invited.

The church is located on Grant Street at Beaver Street in Sewickley.

## Island Kids

Island Kids Club, an after-school program for area children who are in Kindergarten to grade 5, is coming to the "island" this fall.

Sponsored by The Neville Island Presbyterian Church, The Presbyterian Church in Sewickley, First United Presbyterian Church of Leetsdale and the Pittsburgh Presbytery, Island Kids Club will be held Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at The Neville Island Presbyterian Church.

The Club begins today (Wed-

nesday) and continues through Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Activities for children include Bible Time - hearing the story of Jesus; Around the World - learning about Latin America's kids; Handicrafts - making some cool crafts; Praise Time - singing some cool songs; and Snack Time - enjoying some delicious treats.

High school youth are invited to participate in assisting and/or leading activities.

Volunteers leave from the Presbyterian Church, Sewickley's parking lot at 4 p.m.

For more information about Island Kids Club or to register your child, call the Neville Island Presbyterian Church at 412-264-1504.

Volunteers may call Becky Cartus at 412-741-4550, Ext. 203.

## Worship at Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, 332 Elizabeth St., Sewickley, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10:45.

Bible Study and Prayer Service is held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

The Rev Troy Sligh is the pastor.

For more information about the church, call 412-741-7688.

## Visitation on Friday for Margaret Hedin

Family and friends of Margaret (Stewart) Hedin will be received from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, at the Edgeworth Club.

Mrs. Hedin died peacefully at age 77 with her family at her side on Oct. 6, 2005, at Sewickley Valley Hospital.

She was born in Pittsburgh, the daughter of the late George and Lois (Parker) Stewart of Mt. Lebanon in 1928.

She attended Mt. Lebanon Junior High School and graduated from the Ellis School. She attended Marietta College where she met her husband, Gerry Hedin.

Since 1964, the couple lived in the Sewickley area where they owned and operated Hyde Travel, a Sewickley landmark for 45 years.

She loved spending time at the family farm in Emlenton, Pa.

In the 1990s, she established Hedin Flower Farm, which specialized in dried flowers and arrangements.

Mrs. Hedin also loved to stitch and quilt and spent many hours with her quilting friends. She attended local quilting shows.

She had a lifelong passion for traveling. During the past two years, she and her children and grandchildren had been to Utah, Costa Rica and the Grand Canyon.

She recently traveled with friends to Iceland, Greenland and the Paduka Quilt Show.

She was a member of the Allegheny Country Club.

She was the beloved wife of the late Gerard Hedin Jr., loving mother of Robert Hedin (Beth) of Mt. Lebanon, Linda Hedin of Sewickley and Janet Miller (Marc) of Nashville.

She was the proud grandmother of Benjamin, Nathan, Samuel and Megan.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Stewart,

## IN MEMORY

and brother, Edward Stewart.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Brady's Bend Historical Society at P.O. Box 451, East Brady, PA 16028.

Arrangement were made by Copeland's Sewickley.

## Harry "Skip" Koehler

Retired QVHS teacher

Harry "Skip" Koehler, 60, a lifelong resident of Sewickley, died Oct. 2, 2005, at Kindred Heritage at Beaver Medical Center.

He was born in Sewickley on Aug. 20, 1945, to the late Elizabeth (Levinger) and Harry Arthur Koehler Sr.

He graduated from Quaker Valley High School in 1963.

He obtained his bachelor's degree from Franklin and Marshall College in Carlisle and went on for his master's degree from Geneva College.

He taught English for 25 years at Quaker Valley High School, retiring in 1999.

He was a member of the Senior Men's Club, Poker Club and he volunteered at the Sewickley Public Library.

His hobbies included writing poetry, cooking, photography, painting, sailing, horseback riding and traveling, especially to Ireland.

Most of all, he loved being with his family.

He is survived by his godchild, Lindsey Braley (Chad) of Arlington, Va.; his uncle, Charles Levinger of Seven Lakes, N.C.; his aunt, Lucille Levinger of Aliquippa; and his cousins: Chuck and Fran Levinger of Patterson Heights, Pa.; Dustin Levinger of Robinson Township; Tish and Rob Osterling, Rich and Nadine

Levinger, Tim Levinger, David and Susi Levinger, all of Aliquippa; and Rick and Vicki Levinger of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; and his second cousins: Brett, Bryon, Brandon, Paige, Ryan, Troy, Brandon, Avery, Spencer and Kaley.

A memorial service was held last week. Burial was in Sewickley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Copeland's Sewickley.

## Ruth White

Formerly of Sewickley

Ruth White, 91, went home to be with the Lord on Oct. 5, 2005, with her daughter and son-in-law by her side.

She was born Sept. 6, 1914, in Mars, Pa., the daughter of the late William Bowman and Gertrude (Hooks) Bowman Myers. She was the stepdaughter of Otto Myers.

She worked at Gusky's Dress Shop in Sewickley for 25 years. There she made many friends.

Surviving are her three daughters and two sons-in-law: Linda and Jerry McCafferty, Bonnie and Richard Ward, and Sharyn Kitzmiller; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth White; her sister Louise Santom; a brother, Edward Bowman; and a grandson, Richard Ward III.

She was a member of Ambridge First Baptist Church.

Entombment was in Mt. Royal Mausoleum in Ross Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Sisters of Villa St. Joseph, Baden.

Arrangements were made by H.P. Brandt Funeral Home, Ross Township.

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## SPORTS

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## SPOTLIGHT

## SA's Brown enjoys home away from home at academy

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Dani Brown is a long way from the Central Coast of Australia, but the 16-year-old exchange student seems to feel very much at home here, thanks to the members of the Sewickley Academy Field Hockey team.

"I love my teammates," she says, adding that they have made her feel welcome.

And there are some things about America she actually likes more in comparison to her country. She says she is glad to have an opportunity to experience the difference between Australian and American field hockey.

"The positions are different," she notes, explaining that she enjoys the freedom to move around the field more here.

In Australia, for example, a wing must stay on one side of the field.

"I'm more used to the Australian version where you are confined to the position."

It's easier, she explains, because players on either side are not expected to go for the ball if it's not on their side. But Brown enjoys a challenge.

"I love the switch," she says. "The center can go on either side, and the wing goes wherever."

She also enjoys the more grueling training regime at Sewickley.

"The training is much more intense," she says, noting that the Panthers, under the leadership of Cheryl Ann Lassen, who is in her 13th year as head coach, train for two hours a day.

"Here, you get to experience more and learn more."

Having a veteran coach, Brown says, makes all the difference.

"My game has improved since I came here," she says. "It's nice having someone who knows what they are talking about."

"I have more confidence now," she adds.

Lassen says Brown is successful because she works hard.

"She's a great player," she says. "She fits in well, she has great skills, and she is very supportive."

"She is a nice fit for the team,"

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## Cool Down ...



KENNY BURGESS (center) catches his breath Wednesday after taking first place for Sewickley Academy in a dual meet vs. Quaker Valley and OLSH, as head coach Julie Jones and others congratulate the academy's top senior distance runner.

Photos by Jon Paul Creese

## Burgess, Gregor finish neck and neck

WPIAL and state-bound distance runners shake off intense October heat

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

With the heat index higher than anyone would expect for an early-October afternoon, the Quaker Valley cross country teams burned up the afternoon during a dual meet with Sewickley Academy and Our Lady of Sacred Heart.

The Panthers claimed first-place finishes for both boys' and girls' distance runs, but the Quakers redeemed themselves by winning overall: boys — 20-43 vs. SA and 19-40 vs. OLSH and girls — 22-39 vs. SA and 20-41 vs. OLSH. The Academy finished behind OLSH: boys — 23-32 and girls — 27-29.

"He was just stronger than me today," QV's Andy Gregor said of academy senior Kenny Burgess, who finished first with a time of 17:06, a hair in front of Gregor, also a senior. "I'm dis-



ANDY GREGOR runs abreast of Burgess during the first mile.

appointed, but it doesn't matter because our team won."

Burgess and Gregor have been neck and neck all year, with Gregor finishing seconds ahead at the Slippery Rock

and Central Catholic Invitionals.

"Kenny broke 17 minutes early in the season and is committed to improving each race," said SA head coach Julie Jones, who noted Burgess beat his own 17th place finish time from the 2004 state meet at Hershey when he won the Central Catholic Invitational for Class B with a time of 16:45.

And with the WPIAL looming, defeating Gregor last week may prove even more significant for Burgess.

"I knew when it came down to the kick," Burgess said of Wednesday's race, that was essentially between he and Gregor, with the next closest finish recorded by QV's James Thompson at 18:45. "I'm good with the kick."

Burgess was tailing Gregor as they approached the finish but was able to make up the distance.

"I just had to get on his shoulder and ride him up the hill," he said. "I knew we were neck and neck."

Burgess said coming in behind Gregor earlier this year does not intim-

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## Thought for the Week

It has been said that successful people rarely consider work as just so much labor; they regard it in the nature of an opportunity for service and feel enjoyment in and derive pleasure from it.

Success is not a thing to be acquired; rather it is a spirit. It is not a matter of position or possessions. Success is the satisfying feeling of a life spent in a worthwhile way and a feeling of service rendered. Yes, success is a frame of mind ...

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## SOCCER



**ALEX GRANT**, junior midfielder for Quaker Valley, battles for possession during a game against Our Lady of Sacred Heart Thursday. Grant scored one of six QV goals leading up to a 6-0 victory. Adam Monteverde and Carson Wilson scored two goals each and Ben Sopp also had one goal. The Quakers lead Class A Section 5 with a record of 8-0 and are 11-4 overall. See Page 26 for story.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

## GIRLS' TENNIS ROUNDUP

## QV, SA girls struggle at WPIALS

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Quaker Valley's Molly Findley and Sarah Richman advanced to the quarterfinals, defeating Katie Wettick and Paige Cohen of Ellis 10-5. Findley and Richman fell to Katrina Erdahl and Chistie Hanson of Mars 10-7.

Sewickley Academy's Somya Kaushik and Tara Sunder fell to Meghan Stubblebine and Katie Maher of Bishop Canevin, 10-2 in the first round.

Lindsay Toth and Catlin Wolz, of QV, fell to Keystone Oaks' Lisa Roth and Lauren Eonta 10-3 in the preliminary round.



## SPOTLIGHT

## Exchange student learns American version of FH

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Lassen adds. "It's fun to have her."

Besides the Panthers, Brown has found another home away from home with the Zappallas, with whom she is staying.

**"The training is much more intense ... here you get to experience more and learn more."**

- Dani Brown



Dani Brown

"They are a really nice family," Brown says, indicating some of her favorite things to do include going out on weekends with Anna Zappalla, an SA junior who shares similar friends, playing basketball with Anna's sister, Francine, a freshman, and watching movies with their younger brother, Marco.

An all-around sports fan (she also plays basketball, swims, surfs and competes in triathlons), Brown was especially anticipating going to an upcoming Penguins game with Anna.

"We don't have ice hockey back home," she explains. "This will be my first game."

And while Brown had not had many chances to travel during her first month in America, she said she is excited to travel with the Zappallas to New York City, Florida and

Washington D.C.

And she does not expect to get her fill by the time she has to leave in mid-December.

"I love it," she says of America. "I want to come back next year on exchange again."

Brown's other goals include finishing high school, going on to a university, and someday she would like to work in sports medicine.



Season tickets for Quaker Valley Hockey team games are now available. The cost is \$20. For more information contact Sandy Mo.sey or Wendee Ritchee of the Quaker Valley Hockey Association

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## CROSS COUNTRY

## Quakers win big double meet

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idate him.

"I can hang with him," he said. "It's any given day with us."

But Wednesday was hardly any given day. Almost every runner Wednesday complained of the temperature, which rose to the mid-80s, and felt hotter in the direct sun, which was plentiful.

Gregor said he actually runs better in the heat and that a slow finish was the result of fatigue more than anything else.

"They're all running tired," QV head coach David Noyes said of the runners who are coming off the MAC championships and two invitationals. "They've been working extremely hard."

He said the athletes will feel better when the weather breaks, but noted they should be accustomed to the heat by now.

"To race under these conditions is tough," he said. "But, they should be used to it. It's been hot all season."

Mark Grogan of OLSH came in third Wednesday at 18:43, then the Quakers ate up slots four through six with Thompson, Ben Thornton (19:20) and Chad Kosanovich (19:21), to pick up the win.

Ben McCormick and Nick Blodis finished in ninth and tenth places for SA.

"[McCormick] runs in the low eighteens and is usually the second team runner," Jones said. "Both Kenny and Ben want to make their last high school cross country season the best."

"Freshman Nick Blodis and sophomore Steve Tehovnik are also strong competitors and really step it up when the team needs them the most," she said. "These four boys make a solid 'pack attack' allowing Sewickley to be competitive in the WPIAL."

Sewickley made another solid first impression in the girls' distance run, with freshman Nikki Becich, who recorded a time of 22:45, 21 seconds ahead of OLSH's second-place finisher, Mary Beth Martin.

"Yuck!", a distraught Becich said of her time, though she said she was happy with first



**NIKKI BECICH** (left), SA freshman, crosses the finish line at Sewickley Heights Park. Athletes (above) from QV and SA compete for place.

Photos by Jon Paul Creese



place. "I didn't like the heat. I was feeling kind of heavy."

Becich was quick to shift credit to the team, particularly Burgess.

"Watching Kenny win gave me hope," she said. "It pumped us up."

Jones said the two first-place finishes made up for the overall losses.

"It was a good day," she said. "Andy Gregor is very talented. With Kenny and him, it's always a fight to the finish."

Jones, a first-year head coach, is impressed with Becich's determination.

"She's unbelievable," she said. "She gets stronger with every race."

"She's a hard worker in practice, too," she added. Junior Cassie Corcoran, QV,

came in third at 23:08, and fellow Lady Quakers Emily Fogel and Grace Kaminski followed with fourth- and fifth-place finishes.

Corcoran, who recorded her best time (21:44) this season at Central Catholic, anticipates a fifth consecutive WPIAL championship win for the girls' team.

Finishing sixth for SA was Meredith Kinney with a time of 24:26 and then QV's Lucy Gross took seventh at 24:33. The formidable Lady Quakers ended up claiming seven of the top ten places, making them a favorite at WPIAL.

"We've won [WPIAL] the past four years; it would be great to win again," Corcoran said. "For the next few weeks, we'll try to keep going strong and hopefully peak at WPIAL."

Noyes said the Quaker victories were a good sign.

"This was our toughest dual meet," he said, indicating the Quakers are on top of their game.

Noyes said he expects a lighter schedule in the coming weeks will benefit the runners at WPIAL late this month. "We are going to taper down before WPIALs," he said. "We'll be prepared to give our best race there."

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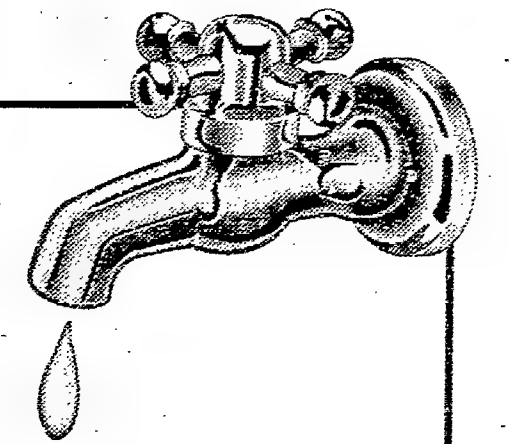
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## SOCCER



**RYAN FETTEROLF**, Quaker Valley junior midfielder, escapes double coverage Thursday during a section match against Our Lady of Sacred Heart. The Quakers defeated the Chargers 6-0, taking their regular season record to 8-0, 11-4.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

## Quakers defeat OLSH 6-0 in section match

By Jon Paul Creese  
Sports editor

The Quakers have added another section victory to their impressive 2005 resume. At 8-0, 11-4, after a 6-0 shut out over Our Lady of Sacred Heart, QV tops the section and is a clear WPIAL Class A favorite.

During their latest victory, the Quakers applied the blueprint for success that has made them a stand-out WPIAL program.

"We played smart and scored some early goals which allowed us to dictate the tempo," said Gene Klein, head coach.

Scoring for QV were juniors Adam Monteverde and Carson Wilson with two goals each.

Team captain Ben Sopp and junior Alex Grant also had goals.

The Quakers were able to pull off the win without one of their top midfielders, junior Tommy O'Donnell, who suf-

**"We played smart and scored some early goals which allowed us to control the tempo."**

— Gene Klein, head coach

fered a hip injury during a non-section game against the Moon Area Tigers.

Klein said it is too soon to tell when O'Donnell might return.

He is not expected to play in section games against Bishop Canevin or South Side Beaver this week.

"Tommy O'Donnell is making excellent progress," Klein said. "With any luck, we might have him back before the playoffs."

The Quakers travel to SSB for a 4 p.m. game tomorrow (Thursday).

They play Quigley for their final regular season game Monday.



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## HOME OF THE WEEK

## Great style, space in home at Diamond Run

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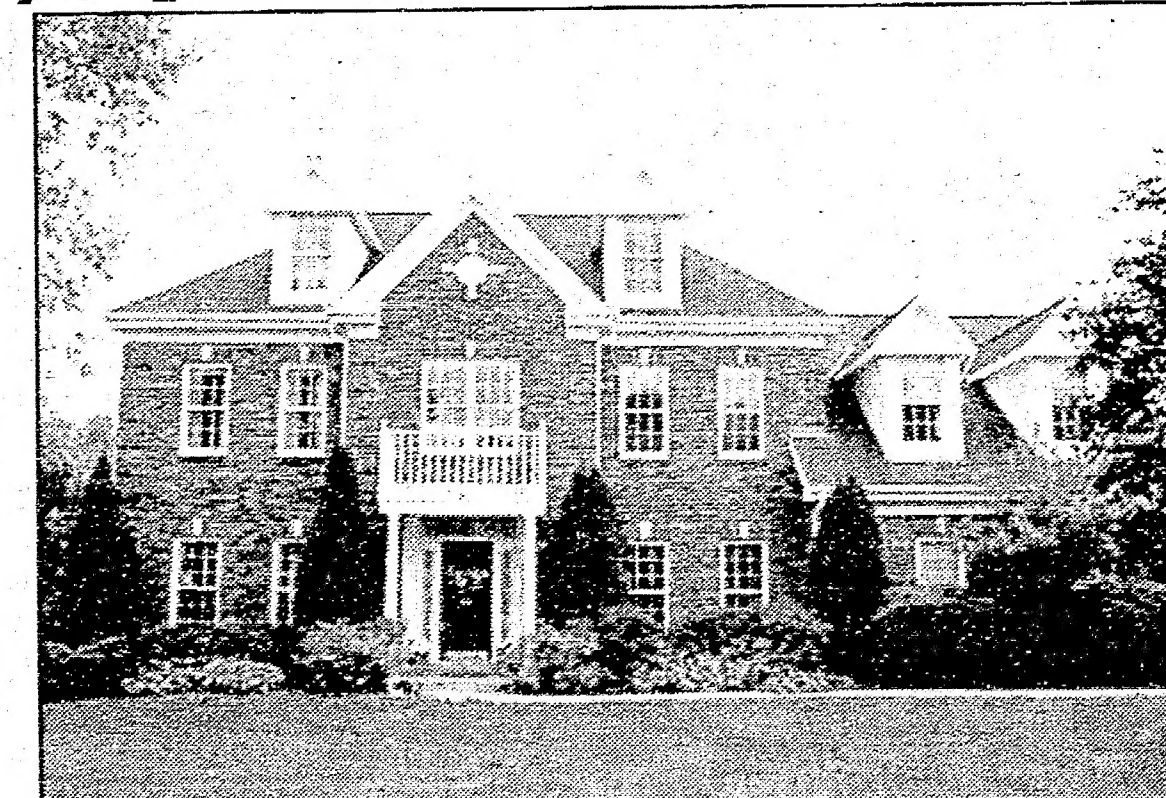
The open floor plan unfolds off the foyer. The living room is large and bright, with hardwood floors and crown molding.

Through an arched and pillared entry is the dining room, large enough to meet every entertaining need.

It also has hardwood floors, crown, chair and picture moldings, coffered ceiling, Tuscan brass chandelier and bay with four Palladian-topped windows overlooking the golf course.

The remodeled, fully-equipped gourmet kitchen is located in the heart of the home.

Amenities include pantry, side-by-side refrigerator, dishwasher, stainless double-bowl



sink with disposal, gas cooktop, double ovens, microwave, recessed and pendant lighting, large center island with bar-style seating area, hardwood floors, Tuscan-style ceramic countertops, and spacious bay eating area, also with Palladian-topped windows overlooking the golf course and a French door opening to the inviting back deck.

Open to the kitchen is the two-story family room, with hardwood floors, gas-log fireplace with brick hearth and surround, skylights, ceiling fan and wall of Palladian-topped windows, also with views of the golf course.

Nestled in a private corner of the home is the paneled library with built-in bookcases and wood blinds. Completing

the main level is the powder room.

On the second level, the owners' suite is spacious, with a large walk-in closet, hardwood floors, tray ceiling, ceiling fan/light and window blinds.

The luxurious spa-style owners' bathroom features a large shower, Jacuzzi jet tub, two white vanities with ceramic sinks, ceramic tile tops, large wall mirrors and wall scones, ceramic tile floor and private commode closet.

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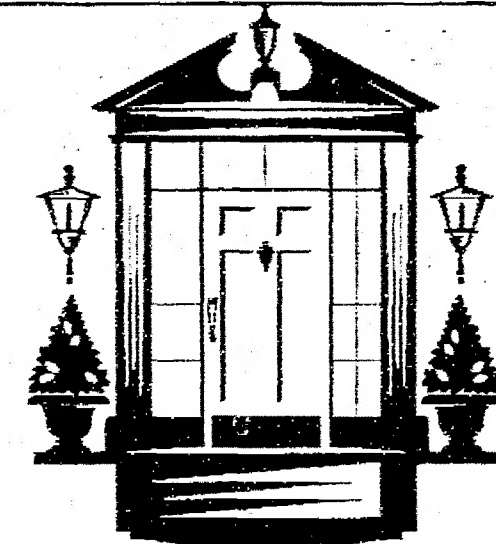
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## Howard Hanna holds regional convention

"Howard Hanna Rocks - The Convention" was the annual event for all associates of Howard Hanna from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and West Virginia last week.

More than 3,000 associates were expected to attend.

In seeking to enrich and enhance the personal and professional lives of its associates, Howard Hanna provided eight



in-depth continuing education opportunities on Monday and more than 20 breakout sessions on Tuesday.

There was an extensive trade show floor with exhibits along with an interactive cyber café.

The featured guest speaker on Monday was Danielle Kennedy, best selling author of "How to List & Sell Real Estate," "Seven Figure Selling" and "Working Moms Calm."

An opening night reception was held.

## IN THE NEWS

## Preparing for Winter 2005

Up to 70 percent of your household expenses are from

heating and cooling your home.

■ Keep the furnace filter replaced every four to six months. If this becomes expensive, home improvement stores have a washable filter material

that you cut to size for most furnaces.

■ Other tips for energy savings, fix any leaky faucets you have. A leaky faucet that fills a coffee cup in 10 minutes can be wasting 3,000 gallons of water in a year.

Faucet repair kits are cheap at the home improvement store, and it usually takes just a few tools to fix.

■ Take a look at your basement. Do you have a sump pump that runs a lot? Does it get its water from your basement? Try fixing the leaky walls and floor with some waterproofing barrier cement and paint.

■ An energy saving device that is easy to install and use is an electronic thermostat for your furnace. Even if you have an old furnace that uses a round thermostat, you can replace it with a new one that works more efficiently.

They can be programmed to heat and cool at certain times of the day and night.

Things as small as window blinds or drapes on windows that get a lot of sun in the day during the summer can reduce heat inside the home. Use ones that block the sun more, and you will be feeling the savings in your pocket book.

It doesn't matter whether you own or rent your home, the savings to the energy bill will be yours.

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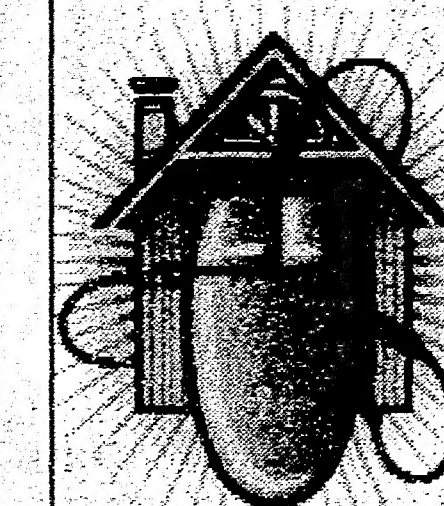
### Best FALL Buys

<b>NEW LISTING</b> <b>GLENFIELD</b> Solidly built 3 bedroom vinyl home/river view! Large Eat-in kitchen/wood cabinets. Spacious Living Room & Dining Room or Family Room if you prefer. Great storage & workshop space in basement. Make an offer! BL#69855 Penny Bobincheck \$99,000	<b>NEW LISTING</b> <b>LEETSDALE</b> Charming 2 bedroom with great corner lot that is still in bloom! Very well kept. Won't last long. You could be settled in by the holidays. Call for private showing. BL#69975 Linda Sovich \$64,000
<b>NEW LISTING</b> <b>SEWICKLEY</b> A Diamond in the Rough! Wonderful 105 year old Victorian brick 4 square with original woodwork, turned oak staircase, entry built-in bench, hardwood floors, leaded & stained glass & beautiful porch. Includes extra lot to build garage! Must See! BL#67445 Penny Bobincheck \$360,000	<b>REDUCED!</b> <b>QUAKER HEIGHTS</b> Light & bright updated 3 BR, 2 1/2 Bath 2 car grg. Hardwood & ceramic floors. Game Room! fireplace. Large Covered Patio. New Roof. Newly painted trim. Nice Yard. Must See to appreciate! BL#49345 Penny Bobincheck \$169,900
<b>LEETSDALE</b> GREAT BUY IN THE Quaker Valley School District! 3 Bedrooms, Living Room/Built-in Bookcases, Formal Dining Room/Built-in China Cabinet, 2 lovely Porches, 1 Car Detached Garage. Needs some work. Extra Lot. BL#56295 Penny Bobincheck Only \$85,000	<b>SEWICKLEY</b> Walk to the Village from this great 4 BR, 2 bath home. Features include newer windows, furnace & AC, 9' ceilings, decorative fireplaces, & original woodwork. 2 CAR GARAGE!! Must see to appreciate! BL#57285 Jack Wuenstel \$269,900
<b>SEWICKLEY AREA</b> A nature lover's dream! Absolute peacefulness. Close to everything, yet secluded. Breathtaking View! Sits on 10 acres. BL#55585 Jack Wuenstel \$260,000	<b>OUTSTANDING custom built 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Hardwood and marble floors, natural maple cabinetry, 2 decks and a gas fireplace. New construction with a river view!</b> Robin Ross \$375,000
<b>Exceptional home blending elegant detailing and sensible appointments for today's lifestyle. Two story entry, 4 seasons room, den, gameroom and 3-car garage. Pine Richland School District.</b> John Urban \$369,900	<b>Totally renovated 3 bedroom Ranch on 3/4 acre in a beautiful country setting. Lovely open floor plan. Partially finished lower level. Additional 2.9 acre separate lot available. May be further subdivided. A must see!</b> Shirley Barker \$295,000
<b>Lovely Dutch style home. Two story with four bedrooms and 2 baths. Close to a park and a fenced in backyard. Home Warranty included!</b> Kim Zipparo \$85,000	<b>Spacious brick duplex located in the charming Fair Oaks area. Each unit includes 2 bedrooms, a full bath, hardwood floors, decorative fireplaces, an equipped kitchen and a rear deck. Nicely updated throughout. Good investment opportunity.</b> \$134,900.

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<b>ROSS TOWNSHIP</b> 145 E. Wedgewood Drive - Solid brick three bedroom home with plaster walls and all hardwood floors. Newer windows accent this lovely home. This home is located on a very nice street in a wonderful neighborhood. Close to shopping, downtown Pittsburgh, and the Northern Corridor. Dir: S on Rt. 19, R on Highland, R on Gass, R on E. Wedgewood. \$119,000.	<b>SEWICKLEY</b> 826 McDonald - Outstanding opportunity in the Village. Charming Dutch Colonial style home with three bedrooms, updated bath, wonderful front porch and two car garage with space for storage or a studio above. Level lot with privacy fence and beautiful landscaping. Dir: Rt. 65, L Chestnut, L Charette, L to McDonald. \$159,900.	<b>SEWICKLEY</b> Located in the central Village, this three story Victorian style home has much to offer. Features of this fine home include a new, well-equipped kitchen, a large living room, formal dining room, 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. There is a finished third floor, rear staircase, original pine floors and new windows. Wonderful wrap around porch and fenced yard with arbor add charm of this lovely home. \$319,000.
<b>SEWICKLEY</b> Perfect location combined with a wonderful setting, this may be the property for you! Within walking distance to the Village amenities, this special house offers so much to a buyer, formal living room & dining room, family room, sunroom, covered patio, 4 spacious bedrooms, and 2 baths, and a lower level with a large computer desk area, gameroom, exercise area, second powder room, and a secluded yard. Call for your appointment. \$1,225,000.	<b>SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS</b> This classic four bedroom Colonial is all about "location". Sited on a quiet and picturesque road it is still only minutes away from The Village amenities. With two porches and a patio, it takes full advantage of its five acre parcel, which includes a wonderful apple orchard! \$785,000.	<b>ALEPPO TOWNSHIP</b> This well maintained home is located only minutes from the Village and has much to offer. Features include a large living room, formal dining room, an updated kitchen with maple cabinets and ceramic tile. There are 3 bedrooms including a first floor master bedroom, an updated bath, newer roof, electric service and heating system. Inviting covered porches. Nicely landscaped lot. \$135,000.
<b>LEET TOWNSHIP</b> Spacious brick duplex located in the charming Fair Oaks area. Each unit includes 2 bedrooms, a full bath, hardwood floors, decorative fireplaces, an equipped kitchen and a rear deck. Nicely updated throughout. Good investment opportunity. \$134,900.	<b>SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS</b> An incredible 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Estate, sited on a 10 acre hilltop in Sewickley Heights, embraced by wooded fringe and a spring fed pond. The 10,000 sq. ft. house, with its inground pool, offers many wonderful amenities to a fortunate buyer. Call for your appointment to see. \$2,700,000.	<b>SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS</b> This "one-of-a-kind" property has been exquisitely maintained and is situated on 7+ acres of beautifully landscaped grounds with a wonderful river view. This custom built home offers the convenience of one floor living with a very generous living room, handsome formal dining room, fully equipped eat-in kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures, a den, fireplace, 4 spacious bedrooms, plus 5 full and 1 half bath. Meticulous gardens, inground pool, 3 car garage and much more. \$2,500,000.
<b>SEWICKLEY</b> This handsome three story home is located in the Village and offers many fine features. Recently remodeled, this home offers a beautiful Merlat kitchen, lovely hardwood floors, pocket doors and decorative fireplaces. There are 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Wonderful full length front porch and much more. \$245,000.	<b>SEWICKLEY</b> This newly constructed custom designed home offers 4 spacious bedrooms including a 2 room master suite with a large walk-in closet on the main level. The first floor features large living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, large well equipped kitchen, laundry area and family room. Game room on the lower level and a 3 car garage. This house is situated on a large lot at the edge of the Village. \$575,000.	<b>SEWICKLEY</b> This exquisitely maintained Village Victorian offers historic interest and is a well preserved example of the Italianate style with 12' ceilings, decorative moldings and original woodwork. Bright and spacious with a large living room, handsome formal dining room, equipped kitchen, family room and en. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Wonderful level lot with beautiful plantings. Detached garage and more. \$495,000.





## MARKET WATCH

## Who's buying, who's selling

## Alleppo

John Cunnard et al. sold property at 195 Ferry Road to Jeffrey Thomas for \$40,000.

## Bell Acres

Estate of Mathilda Melenchuk sold property at Magura Road to Andrew Vernon Mays for \$7,000.

## Edgeworth

Susan McMillin Gebhard sold property at 456 Leet Road to John and Fiona Claypole for \$455,000.

## Leet

Max Rosarius Jr. sold property at 71 Ambridge Ave. to Household Finance Consumer Discount Co. for \$1,979.

John Minard sold property at 133 Pilgrim Drive to Donald and Christine Morrison for \$177,000.

## Leetsdale

Alexander Mate sold property at 527 Beaver St. to Rebecca Pierce Foreman and James Foreman for \$53,000.

## Sewickley

Marta Ciangiarulo Coronado sold property at 160 Bradley Lane to Ronald Salopek for \$112,650.

John Lounder et al. sold property at 340 Duquesne Way to John and Paula Lounder for \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$24,695).

Cendant Mobility Financial Corp. sold property at 316 Peebles St. to Andrew Dsida and Heather Esposito for \$428,000.

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<p><b>20 AVON</b> Nicely maintained town home in Emsworth, close to shopping and transportation. Newer roof and windows. Neutral decor includes two bedrooms, surprisingly spacious living room, and formal dining room. Fully equipped kitchen plus washer and dryer, window treatments and wall to wall carpeting. Central air conditioning and two off-street parking spaces. Home warranty included making this a great value.</p> <p>Linda Taylor 412-741-2200 \$69,900</p>	<p><b>351 WASHINGTON STREET</b> Surprisingly roomy two-story brick Dutch Colonial in Leetsdale. Move-in condition with a new furnace, central air-conditioning, bathroom and more. Spacious ceramic eat-in kitchen with center island. Entry to formal living room with gas fireplace, great size dining room for entertaining. Four bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. Off-street parking and a nice yard. Call for all the details.</p> <p>Linda X. Benson 412-741-2200 \$72,000</p>	<p><b>64 OHIO RIVER BLVD</b> A great opportunity. Three story Victorian loaded with possibilities. Zoned for residential and neighborhood commercial. Three bedrooms with room for a fourth and two bathrooms. Large rooms and spacious, equipped kitchen and beautiful woodwork detail throughout. Three porches and detached garage. Nice secluded yard with mature trees. A great starter home as well as space for a home business. Call today for all the details.</p> <p>David Dean 412-741-2200 \$89,900</p>
<p><b>VILLAGE RANCH</b> Enjoy the convenience of one-level living in this Village Ranch. Three bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. Large living room and dining room combination, with a stone fireplace, and huge Florida room. Equipped eat-in kitchen. Finished lower level game room. Three car detached garage. A great location in a convenient neighborhood, call for all the details.</p> <p>Pat Mooney 412-741-2200 \$199,900</p>	<p><b>7410 BRIGHTON ROAD</b> Stately home of generous proportions. Grand living room with bay window and window seat entry, formal dining room with gas fireplace, loaded with architectural detail. Modern eat-in kitchen, perfect for today's lifestyles, completely equipped with intermediate access to the professionally landscaped gardens and patio. Spacious new marble master bathroom with jet tub and walk-in shower. A wonderful home, with a huge gathering porch, taking advantage of the mature setting.</p> <p>Kay Caravaggio 412-741-2200 \$324,900</p>	<p><b>17 HIGHVIEW DRIVE</b> Incredible three level contemporary nestled on three plus acres in Bell Acres. Walls of glass capture all of nature surrounding this home, flooding it with light. Grand living room with fireplace, dining room, updated kitchen and family room, as well as a den and game room. Five bedrooms including a 400 square foot master suite. The center atrium and a unique deck also distinguish this home. A wonderful cul-de-sac setting and two car, attached garage. Truly a home of distinction, call today for all the details.</p> <p>Angie Haskell 412-741-2200 \$495,000</p>
<p><b>SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS PROVINCIAL</b> Wonderful two-story newer brick Provincial just minutes to the Village in Sewickley Heights. Formal living room and dining room with hardwood floors. Equipped kitchen with white cabinets and breakfast area. Built-in units in the den, family room with beamed ceiling and access to the partially covered deck. Elegant master suite with whirlpool bath and walk-in closet. A total of four bedrooms and 3.5 bath. Lower level with stone faced fireplace, wet bar and full bath. This home is just waiting to be called your own!</p> <p>Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$559,500</p>	<p><b>COUNTRY COLONIAL</b> Fabulous home on 10 acre property with riding trails and stream in Franklin Park. Grand living room and formal dining room. Updated equipped gathering kitchen adjacent to the family room. Main level den and game room. Five bedrooms and 3 1/2 bathrooms. Hardwood floors on both levels. Studio and bath over the attached three car garage. New barn and riding arena. A wonderful home with all the amenities, secluded away yet convenient to all routes. Call today.</p> <p>Angie Haskell 412-741-2200 \$600,000</p>	<p><b>130 CENTENNIAL AVENUE</b> This stately brick Village home just blocks from all the Village amenities. Remodeled from top to bottom, it features a proper entry to the classic proportioned living room with hardwood floors and fireplace; formal dining room adjacent to the new kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances; large family room with fireplace. Upper levels include five bedrooms and three bathrooms including the owners suite. Lower level game room and two car garage. Beautifully landscaped grounds with private brick patio and porch for entertaining. The finest on living in the heart of Sewickley.</p> <p>Kathe Barge 412-741-2200 \$725,000</p>
<p><b>103 LEE ROAD</b> Commanding a panoramic view from the 6-acre setting, this Rocky Mountain style cedar home captures all the surrounding nature. Vaulted living room with doors to the deck overlooking the pool, dining room and family room with a stone fireplace adjacent to the deck. Professional kitchen with tile counters and top appliances. Main level master bedroom suite with vaulted ceiling, jet tub, shower, double sinks and access to the deck. Four second level bedrooms and two baths. Lower level game room with bookshelves, fireplace, office, laundry room, wine cellar, studio, all with pool access. A great location just minutes to the Village.</p> <p>Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$875,000</p>	<p><b>SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS PROVINCIAL</b> Nestled in seclusion of Sewickley Heights, this bright Provincial is complete with every amenity for today's lifestyles. Warm and airy entry to the cathedral ceiling living room with fireplace and formal dining room. Professional chef's granite kitchen with new appliances and separate breakfast room, all adjoining the spectacular family room with fireplace, deck and breathtaking views. Grand master suite with dressing room and spa-like bathroom, stairway to private gym. Media room plus a game room with a bar and full kitchen. Five bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms and three-car attached garage. Five acres with endless tree lined and valley views. A magnificent home.</p> <p>Mia Kail-Bojalad 412-741-2200 \$1,075,000</p>	<p><b>SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS COLONIAL</b> Gracious Colonial in the center of Sewickley Heights with a welcoming country lane approach. Bright and airy foyer with views of the terrace and gardens and open stairway to the second floor. Magnificent living room, dining room and family room, perfect for entertaining. Main level den with full bathroom. Tabletop lot with serene pavilion and pool. Experience the solitude, yet quick access to the Village.</p> <p>Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$1,195,000</p>



## DESIGN OF THE WEEK

## Wilsonville design offers distinctive Craftsman styling

In some ways, the Wilsonville is reminiscent of a 19th century Cape Cod bungalow, but it has a distinctly Craftsman-style flavor as well.

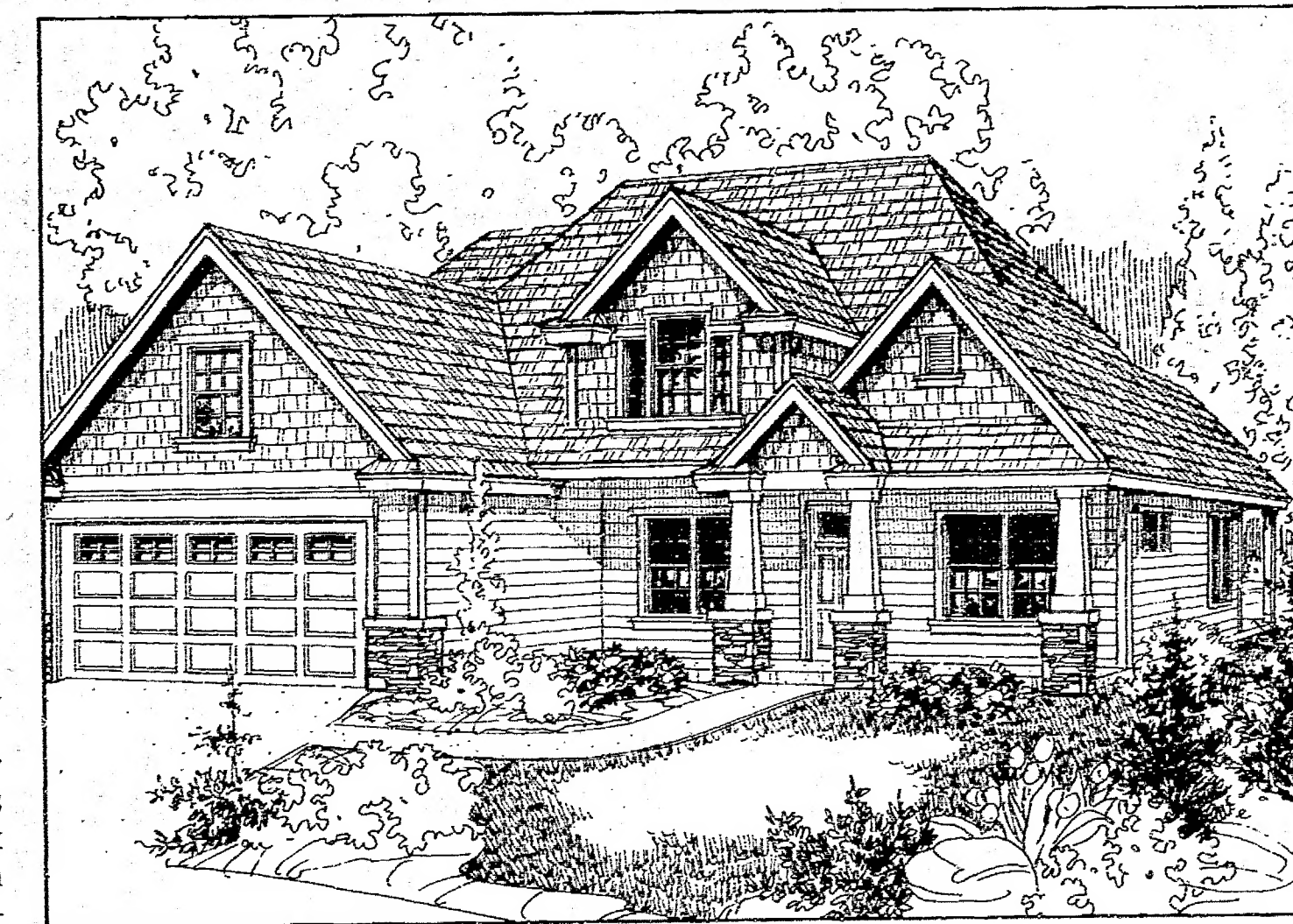
The Cape Cod styling is evident in the lap siding and shingle cladding, plus the front gable orientation. Craftsman touches include the stone veneer wainscoting, tapered columns and multi-paned window arrangements.

Inside, it's totally contemporary.

A study/home office is on the left side of the vaulted foyer, and a naturally bright dining room is on the right. The study has a closet at the rear. Windows fill much of the dining room's two walls, and a pocket door slides open to provide kitchen access.

From the entry is a vaulted great room and nook, both open to the kitchen.

A gas fireplace nestles in one rear corner, while two sets of wide windows sparkle across the back wall. Both nook windows are doorway tall, and one is an atrium door that opens onto the partial-



ly covered patio.

In the kitchen, a family gathering space is across a raised eating bar. Other kitchen amenities include built-in appliances and desk, plenty of counter space and an abundance of cupboards.

The Wilsonville's master suite is rich in storage space as well. Most notable are the two large walk-in closets.

Its luxurious bathroom boasts a deep soaking tub, over-sized cultured marble shower, twin vanities, dressing table and a totally private toilet.

Two more bedrooms are upstairs, along with a two-section bathroom, a storage closet and a huge bonus room.

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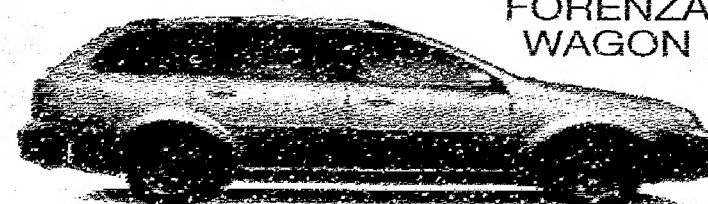
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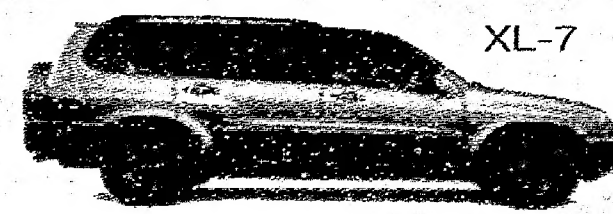
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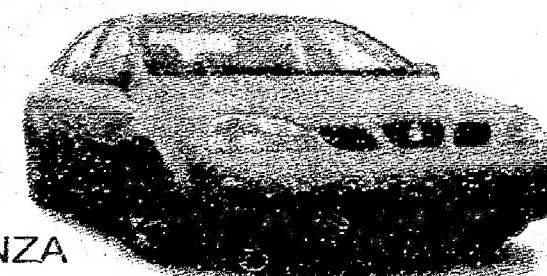
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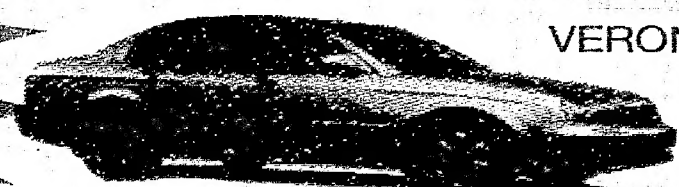
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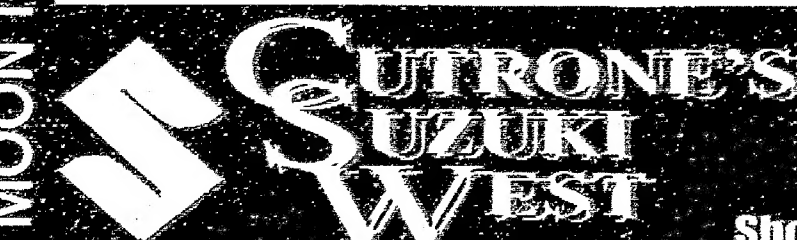


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